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SCHOOL RESISTS NFLUX OF PUPILS

Report by Richard Guttridge

A SCHOOL is considering legal action against Dudley Council over being forced to take in extra pupils as a result of the forthcoming closure of The Coseley School

Governors at Dormston School in Sedgley say an influx of pupils would leave it unable to cope as it continues to progress after pulling itself out of special measures

special measures.

But Dudley Council insists the school should be able to manage an increase.

Council bosses insist Dormston has room for another 80 pupils and says the school's leaders have not provided proof they would be negatively impacted by the arrival of extra pupils from the Coseley catchment area.

Some children have already been accepted by Dormston and governors said they had already taken more than originally suggested but the school is now not willing to take any more.

Dormston has only recently come out of special measures and leaders are concerned a sudden surge in pupils could impact on that progress by putting pressure on teachers and class sizes.

class sizes

A letter sent out to parents by Dudley Council said leaders at Dormston School had in-

formed them they were considering writing to the courts, as well as the Department of Educa-tion, to challenge the ruling on pupil numbers. Governor Michael Evans, who is also a Dud-ley councillor, said: "We are in touch with our lawyers. We have taken a few more pupils from Coseley but not the extent that the council

Coseley but not the extent that the council want us to.

"We went through special measures and the headteacher has done a tremendous job in taking us forward. We are still going forward from special measures and we feel it is unjust to all the children at Dormston."

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The school has also complained that it was only given six months' notice that extra pupils would be arriving.

Mr Evans said Dormston's challenge could delay children moving from The Coseley School. Dudley Council's education boss Councillor Ian Cooper said: "We're extremely disappointed Dormston School is objecting to admitting a number of additional pupils to the school. "For some time we have been working with schools near to Coseley, including Dormston, when they've received admissions requests from parents of the current years 7, 8 and 9 Coseley pupils, to ensure disruption to these young people and their families is kept to a minimum. The pupils' education and welfare has always been, and will continue to be, our top priority."

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Dudley Council took the decision to close The Coseley School due to falling pupil numbers.

BUMPER TURN OUT FOR BLACK COUNTRY RUN



The race begins - runners set off on the 10 kilometre Black Country Run in Halesowen, helping charities and starting July's Black Country festivities

MORE than 1,000 runners were out pounding the streets in force at the weekend as they took to the road to complete the Black Country Run.

The run, which last year raised more then control of the country Run.

The run, which last year raised more then £27,000 for different charities, started at 9am for the 10k runners, with the 5K family fun version of the run commencing at 11.30am. A total of 72 charities were selected by the organisers for runners to raise money for, although they could also choose other charities. Some of the charities supported by the run were: Birmingham Children's Hospital,

County Air Ambulance, Barnardo's, Acorns Children's Hospice, Multiple Sclerosis Society and British Heart Foundation. Local charities were also supported, including: the Beacon Centre for the Blind, Sandwell Parents for

Centre for the Blind, Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children, Langley Youth Theatre and Halesowen Cycling and Athletics Club.
Alan Bowler, former president of the Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club, who organised the event said: "It was a truly fantastic day. It was wonderful to see so many people out in the community enjoying themselves.

"I started the event under the name of the Halesowen fun run in 2012 when we had around 400 participants. It's grown year on year to have 600 people running in 2013 to between 750 and 800 in 2014 and 1,000 in 2015. This year we had 1,200 runners

"Over the years we've raised more than £77,000 for different charities and the community has supported us every step of the way. It's one of the major community events for us and each year it goes from strength to strength. People from across the UK came to

COUNCIL

Bid to charge for crossing patrols

A REPORT on saving money for Dudley Council has suggested charging primary schools for the cost of running crossing

schools for the cost of running crossing patrols.

The council, which is facing huge cuts in Government funding, has discussed at cabinet level the proposals to move to a 'cost neutral service by re-charging schools for the cost of providing school crossing patrols'

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The move could save the council £260,000 a year for the next three years but opposition at the Labour-run council labelled the idea 'a tax on road safety'.

ACCIDENT

Pensioner hit by ambulance named

THE pensioner left fighting for his life after being hit by an ambulance in Dudley has been named locally as Bill Lenton.

Earlier this week the 82-year-old was in a critical but stable condition in hospital, following the June 21 accident. Two West Midlands Ambulance crew

members have resigned after the accident at the junction of Cambridge Road and Holly Hall Road.

Police say nobody has been arrested in connection with the incident.

ROADS

Driver delays due to college safety work

WORK on a new pedestrian crossing outside Dudley College was starting this week

side Dudley College was starting this week on The Broadway.

Temporary traffic lights are due to be in place for the next three weeks while work on the crossing takes place, meaning drivers will face delays around the town centre. The crossing is being installed to make the area safer for college students.

Work on a £12 million college development at the college in oppoing as part of

ment at the college in ongoing as part of the re-development of the town centre. Dudley Council sold the Priory Road car park to Dudley College as part of the re-

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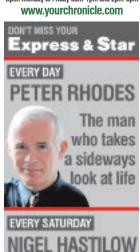
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Police misconduct probe after suicide

FOUR West Midlands Police officers will face misconduct investigations after the suicide of a vulnerable missing

man in the Black Country.

An Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) investigation into the death of Kazimierz Radloff, from Dudley, has ruled three of the force's constables and an acting inspector have cases to answer for misconduct.

Force failings meant the officers did not origin role failings head the others and not originally treat Mr Radloff as a vulnerable missing person and chances were missed 'to escalate the search' for him, according to the police watchdog.

Mr Radloff, aged 64, was found hanged in West Bromwich on July 6 last year and an inquest in August found he had committed suicide. Two days before his body was found, relatives told police that he had indicated he intended to take his own life.

The IPCC's investigation found police initially treated him as someone in breach of bail conditions rather than as a vulnerable missing person.

Checks

A series of failings by police officers during the investigation were highlighted in the report. An officer failed to tell his colleague that Mr Rad-

officer did not carry on background checks on him which would have revealed he was a suicide risk.

The IPCC ruled that another officer failed to aunch a missing person investigation despite nowing Mr Radloff had threatened to take his

Following the IPCC's investigation, the force concluded three of the four officers had a case to answer over gross misconduct. But the IPCC said there was no indication that earlier intervention by police would have prevented Mr Radloff's su-icide. West Midlands Police declined to comment

Firefighters tackle blaze at timber merchants

TWENTY firefighters attended a major fire in Brierley Hill that saw part of a timber merchants business go up in

Crews were called to the blaze at around 3.15pm on Saturday after passers-by spotted smoke coming from Woodstock Timber Supplies Ltd, on Old Buch Street

Woodstock Timber Supplies Ltd, on Old Bush Street.
Plumes of smoke were spotted by shoppers at the nearby Merry Hill shop-ping centre.
West Midlands Fire service deployed three appliances following the emer-gency calls, and asked for a further ap-pliance to be deployed after they arrived at the scene.

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Two hose reels were used to put out the blaze, which crews were still tackling an hour later. Breathing apparatus were also used by firefighters as they tackled

Owner of Woodstock Timber Supplies

Owner of Woodstock Timber Supplies, Dave Oakley, of Smestow, has been in business at the site for 27 years. He said: "We've never had anything like this happen. I don't know how much stock we've lost, but I'm just grateful to the guys here (firefighters) for coming out so quickly. The fire only affected a very small part of the yard with only slight damage to one of the buildings. "Fire crews have said that they are

'Fire crews have said that they are The crews have said that they are not treating it as suspicious and we're still open for business as normal, so customers will still get their orders. Crew Commander Mark Harris confirmed that the two crews remained overnight to ensure no further fires.

Obstacle course for dogs at park

THE annual fun dog show is back on Saturday at Baggeridge Country Park at Gospel End.

Registration starts at the park near Sedgley at 10.30am and the first class event is at 11.30am.

Dogs obedience skills will be tested and there are lots of classes to enter with rosettes and prizes awarded for first, second and third places.

Entry is £2 per class and there is also the opportunity to try out your dog's skills on an obstacle course.

There are limited places per class so owners are advised to come early to avoid disappointment.

This popular event is organised in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and is sponsored by Blacks Vets.

Snow leopard cub has died at the zoo

A SNOW leopard cub has died at Dudley Zoo just weeks after his mother.

Zoo bosses confirmed that the fourweek-old hand-reared Milo died on Monday after being taken ill overnight. Seven-year-old Nanga died after giving birth to Milo.

Community college put into special measures

been put into special measures after a damning Ofsted report. Inspectors from the education watchdog have criticised Thorns Community Col-lege, saying there are serious failings in rege, saying there are serious failings in safeguarding at the school which has 1,068 pupils. They also highlighted the standard of teaching as 'inconsistent'. The school was rated as 'inadequate' overall and in 'effectiveness of leadership' and 'personal

development, behaviour and welfare'.

Inspectors say it requires improvement for 'quality of teaching, learning and assessment' and 'outcomes for pupils'. They wrote: "Staff training in safeguarding does not reflect the most recent legislation. In addition, the staff of the same for the sam addition, at times, insufficient action, or recording of action, has been taken to sup-port the most vulnerable pupils." Principal Andy Cox said he accepted Of-sted's findings and efforts had been made

to tackle the problems highlighted.

Improved

The inspectors has also said: "The qual-The inspectors has also said: In equality of teaching, learning and assessment across the school has improved since the previous inspection but it is not yet consistently good. Pupils make increased progress as a result of better teaching but variations remain for some groups of pupils. Senior leaders know that there is more to do. "Saforarding systems are inadequate.

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"Safeguarding systems are inadequate.
Only a small number of pupils say they are aware of bullying taking place at the school. However, some parents have reservations about how the school responds to their concerns." their concerns

their concerns."
Principal Mr Cox said: "We accept the findings from Ofsted, some of which are related to issues in the way we kept records, others to student attendance rates. They have been, for the most part, quickly resolved. We have also recently made appointments to increase the capacity of the leadership team to continue to drive forward improyements in the guality of less. ward improvements in the quality of lessons and in our results.

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"The safety, wellbeing and education of all pupils at Thorns remains our highest priority, and we will work together to continually raise standards at this college."

He added: "I urge everyone connected with Thorns to read the report in its entirety."

Daughter's anger at home closure



Mrs Stanvard with her mother Edith Jones, a resident at closure-threatened Russell Court care home since 2011

THE daughter of a 95-year-old dementia patient has told of her outrage that her mother will have to be moved for the second time due to the closure of a council-run care

nome.

Edith Jones has been a resident at Russell Court care home on Overfield Road, Dudley, since 2011. She moved there after the closure of another council-run care home, Amblecote House, on King William

Street, Stourbridge.
Her daughter, 70-year-old Mau-

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reen Stanyard from Brierley Hill, said she couldn't believe it when she heard that she would have to uproot her elderly mother again, after Dudley Council approved plans for the closure of Russell

plans for the closure of Russell Court on September 30. Russell Court is the last coun-cil-run residential care home for the elderly in Dudley. "I am so angry about it," said Mrs Stanyard, who is also con-cerned about the eight other per-manent residents at the home. "It

is unfair to these old people who are being moved from pillar to post. My mum thought she was going to be there for the rest of her life.

"I cannot fault the home. The

"I cannot fault the home. The care is exemplary."

There are 62 people employed at the home, who are being offered voluntary redundancy or to move to vacant positions in the borough.
The council has cited the cost of work to update the home as the reason for closure, estimating it would cost around £1 million.

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crooks con public over church fund

DOORSTEP tricksters have swindled the public out of hundreds of pounds in donations towards restoring a Dud-

ley church by pretending collect for the preservation group.

The crooked callers, which have possibly included children, have knocked on doors in the Kates Hill

area of the town, claiming they were collecting for the St John's Church Preservation Group.

In reality the fraudsters had collected preservation group leaflets and used them to convince people they were genuine collectors.

The church campaign group, which

The church campaign group, which never collects door to door, are now urging the public to help them track down the thieves who have conned at least £300 from residents.

West Midlands Police are investigating and should be contacted on 101. never collects door to door, are now

Group chairwoman Deb Brownlee said: "Our genuine appeals will be seen in the media and social media, and do not involve going to people's doors.

The preservation group is warning the public to be on the lookout for any further bogus collectors who attempt to use the name of their charity.

Mrs Brownlee said the gang, believed to include a woman and two children, were seen in Mons Road, St John's Road, Highfields Road and Highyiew Street around June 23.

Highview Street around June 23.
The con comes as a blow to the group, which is nearing the final stages of its restoration project to reopen the Grade II-listed church.

Tech institute call is backed by MP

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has called on Government to support the creation of a Dudley Institute of Technology. The Government is establishing Institutes of Technology across the country to improve engineering, manufacturing and technology skills.

Dudley College has bid to host the Black Country's institute at its town centre campus, where it is building the £11 million Dudley Advance II

Labour MP Mr Austin, who has worked with the college and manufacturers to support the new centre, said. "One of the best ways of bringing new industries and new jobs to replace the ones we've lost in the West Midlands is to get behind these exciting plans for an Institute of Technology."

Speed bumps aim to slow the traffic

SPEED-CALMING bumps are being added to a road near Dudley town centre to slow traffic. 'Speed cushions' are being installed and warning lines painted at St James's Road in a bid to get motorists to slow down.

Door to door Police seize another major cannabis haul



Cannabis in the Halesowen house

A HAUL of cannabis plants worth more than £400,000 has been made by police in a raid on a house in Hale-

Officers discovered the drug growing set up in Springfield Road, Hale-

sowen, last week.
West Midlands Police were carrywest Midialities ronce were carry-ing out inquiries when they found six rooms in the property were being used to cultivate cannabis.

A total of 836 plants, worth £418,000, were found in the building. West Midlands Police Cannabis Disposal Team tweeted: "The elec-

tricity had been abstracted illegally which required extensive work to make the house safe

Police in the Black Country are raiding a cannabis farm an average of raiding a cannabis farm an average of every three days – according to figures which show £9 million worth of drugs were seized in a year. Compared with last year, the number of factories discovered has shot up from 88 to 129.

West Midlands Police discovered \$2.883 900 worth of cannabis in the

£8,883,900 worth of cannabis in the region from April 2015 to April 2016. This was a decrease of more than £1m from the previous year.

nabis found, the number of cannabis farms discovered has risen. In 2014/15 88 of the illegal set ups were discovered by police in the Black Country, in 2015/16 there were 129 found. These figures reveal cannabis farms now and to be smaller but more common

Police say cannabis farms 'are very dangerous places', often with by-passed and overloaded electrical circuits run close to water-filled pipes The plants can also cause floorboards to rot, which presents the dangers of collapse.

Council earmarks £2.4m for carers

DUDLEY Council has earmarked £2.4 million to revamp its services to help vulnerable people, including carers. It has been working with the Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners as part of a major overhaul of its services to improve support for people to live more independently. It will see the introduction of a Carers' One Stop Shop to improve access to support and information.

The plan also includes working closely with the Carers Alliance to raise the profile of carers. The changes are to be in place by March next year.

Lloyds cuts means bank branch closes

THE Lloyds bank branch in Nether

THE Lloyds bank branch in Nether-ton is closing down.

The branch in Halesowen Road is closing in October as part of a series of closures by the banking group It has made the decision to close the

Netherton branch because it already has another branch 1.3 miles away in High Street, Dudley, from which to serve the local area.

The Netherton branch was identi-fied for closure over the Dudley bank

because if has fewer customer.

The closures will not result in any compulsory job losse

Nursery aims to cut waiting list

DUDLEY Council hopes that planning approval for a new children's nursery in Netherton Park will shorten the waiting list for places.

Plans for a new nursery next to the existing Netherton Park Nursery School were approved last week the council's development control com-

mittee.

The premises will cater for 32 two-year-olds and is to be a single storey building with a play area and two metre high fence.

Community open day event at Top Church

A COMMUNITY open day is being held at Dudley's Top Church on Sat-urday. The event at St Thomas and St Luke Church in High Street will

run from 10.30am to 4pm with the Churches Conservation Trust. Visitors will be able to go on history tours of the Grade II* listed church, which dates from 1818, and enjoy views from the tower.

The church has been given a 290 000

The church has been given a £20,000 grant by the National Churches Trust to carry out urgent repairs.

Store building auction

POUNDLAND'S premises on Dud-ley High Street are up for auction, with no confirmation yet whether the discount store will be affected. The building with basement, ground and three upper floors is up for public auction in London on July 11 with a guide price of nearly £2 million.

Caretaker found guilty over tunnels drug farm

guilty of allowing a £650,000 cannabis factory to operate in the former nuclear bunker, Drakelow Tunnels, near Kinver.

After a jury returned a majority verdict finding of his guilt, Wayne Robinson, of Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster, was told

by the judge to expect a prison sentence. Police who raided the Second World War former aircraft factory, under Kingsford Coun-try Park, in November, 2013 discovered 564 mature cannabis plants in a growing room. A further 321 immature plants were found in two

other rooms.

The drugs were said to have a total street value of about £650,000.

Around 30 officers, including dog handlers, took part in the raid. They also found hydroponic growing equipment including heating, lighting and ventilation fans used in cultivative the drug. ing the drug.

Denied

Robinson, who was caretaker of the site owned by his brother, and also had his own logging business nearby, denied any knowledge of the cannabis farm.

He claimed he had rented that part of the travellet that part of the

He claimed ne had rented that part of the tunnels to two men for the storage of car parts. He only knew them as 'Thomas and Fabian', and they paid him £200 a month in rent. He also claimed that had he known about the cannabis farm he would not have allowed various events to have taken place in the tunnels. This included hour page of visitors given nels. This included hundreds of visitors given nels. This included hundreds of visitors given unlimited access to the tunnels for events which included Evil Rising in July 2013 when more than 300 people were chased by30 actors dressed as monsters.

Robinson was granted bail after the jury found him guilty of permitting premises to be used for producing cannabis.

Judge Abbas Mithani QC told him: "It is more than likely there will be a custodial sentence.

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"This is an extremely serious offence, to allow premises to be used for the production of very dangerous drugs which are intended to be sold to members of the public.

Robinson is due to be sentenced later in July when he will also be sentenced for possession of a shotgun and ammunition without the valid certificates which he pleaded willy to at a pre-

certificates, which he pleaded guilty to at a previous hearing.

Gazza faces trial after denying charge



Former England football star Paul Gascoigne, centre, leaves Dudley Magistrates Court last week

PAUL Gascoigne will stand trial

PAUL Gascoigne will stand trial in Dudley in September after appearing in court in the town over a racist comment he allegedly made at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

The former England star pleaded not guilty to a charge of racially aggravated harassment during a hearing at Dudley Magistrates Court last week.

Gazza, 49, of Poole, Dorset, arrived at court dressed in a dark

rived at court dressed in a dark suit and spoke to confirm his

name, address and date of birth

during the half hour hearing.
The Crown Prosecution Service decided to press charges following a complaint about the former feetballow's conduct during his footballer's conduct during his 'Evening with Gazza' show on November 30. The comment was allegedly made in reference to a security guard.

He arrived to a media scrum

outside the court and stopped to sign autographs for fans.

After pleading not guilty to the After pleading now game, charge, Gascoigne is now due to face a one-day trial in Dudley on September 19.
District Judge Graham Wilkinson told him: "You are on uncontractions of this court

District Juage Granam Wilkin-son told him: "You are on uncon-ditional bail to return to this court on September 19 at 9.30am. "It is an imprisonable offence if you don't turn up. "If you are not here on time the trial will go ahead in your ab-sence."





THE BEST OF RHODES



A FORMER colleague who lives in France declares in a column that Britain is now "more isolated than ever." I can only refer her to that classic (and probably apocryphal) newspaper billboard: "Fog in the Channel - Continent Isolated."

I WOULD understand it if my wife sent TWOLLD Interestant it in I'm Wille set me an email expressing reservations about Boris Johnson, like the one columnist Sarah Vine sent to her husband, the Tory MP, Brexit campaigner and now leadership contender Michael Gove. I would sympathise if my wife pressed the wrong but-ton and the email ended up in the public domain; these things happen. What any spouse would find hard to forgive is Vine's spouse would find hard to forgive is Vines shrill use of capital letters in her meas which reads: "One simple message: you MUST have SPECIFIC ASSURANCES from Boris OTHERWISE you cannot guarantee your support." Does Mr Gove enjoy being addressed like a particularly dim five-year-old?

THE mystery of why young people are so fond of the EU continues. Thousands of young people congregated in Westminster to demonstrate against Brexit. They claim to love the EU. Have they spoken to any young people from the south of the continent? Here in Britain unemployment continent? Here in Britain unemployment among the under-25s is only about 13 per cent. In Italy it is 39 per cent, in Spain 45.3 per cent and in Greece a shattering 48.5 per cent. The EU these British kids cher-ish has inflicted utter hopelessness on the youth of half a continent



YOU know how it is when you don't think you've heard the whole sto-ry? Bank of England Gov-ernor Mark Carney says the bank is

ready to provide £250, 000 million of additional funds to support financial markets. So where did he suddenly find that? Down the back of the sofa?

IN these uncertain post-referendum days, do you not feel the sand shifting beneath your feel? Like many Leavers, I watched the results coming in with mounting delight, followed by that "what have we done?" moment, followed in turn by grow-ing pride and optimism. We are an amaz-ing nation. We can do great things. But now there's a growing suspicion that Brexit is simply not going to happen. As I wrote on June 13, not entirely tongue-in-cheek: "Let me say it once again. If we vote In, we stay in the EU. If we vote Out, we stay in the EU. Simple as that." Time will tell.

A READER describes seeing a bloke using the urinal while eating a bacon sandwich. Too much information, thanks, Mind you, it does disprove that old belief about men being unable to multi-task.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your **Express & Star**

£35,000 spent on movie memorabilia Shop raid

Urgent appeal for help

as festival faces the axe

AROUND £35,000 was spent on movie memorabilia at an auction in Dudley. Collectors outbid each other at Baylies Hall auction house run by Aston's.

Rare lots went for hundreds but Kare lots went for nunareds but some items were snapped up for considerably less as the auction had price tags to suit all. But nobody was willing to stump up the cash for a Nazi uniform worn by Richard Bur-

By Richard Guttridge

organisers.

Dudley Festival of

Music, Drama and Dance, which has run for more than half a century, is fac-

ing the axe due to a lack of

Numbers in the group which puts on the show each year have plummeted and now the or-

ganising committee admit this

year's event may have been the

Hundreds of people take part in the event, which has run for 57 years, and sees shows put on across Dudley highlighting local talent in

Committee member Mary Burns said they had struggled to attract people to help organise the spring

event in recent years and was now issuing an SOS.

The festival is held over three weekends in March at Dudley Col-

lege. Chairman Gillian Bloore said:
"We are very short of committee
members and very short of helpers.
We have more than 1,500 entries
each year. It's a very popular festival and we want it to continue into

Standard

Mrs Bloore said: "The standard of people that enter is fantastic. Several of them have gone on to perform in London and we had one man who did rehearsals with Andrew Lloyd Webber and toured with Cats. Posts will have to be filled by the time the group holds its annual meeting later this month.

The festival was originally organised after a group of residents came together over concerns there was no event in Dudley to celebrate the arts. Basil Poole and his wife

the arts. Basil Poole and his wife

Gwenyth, a pianist, formed a committee which helped set up the first event. Mr Poole was involved with the festival until his death in 1999.

Anyone interested in joining the committee or helping can call Mrs Bloore on (01384) 837536 or email chairman@dudleyfestival.co.uk ton in the 1968 war movie Where Eagles Dare – with a guide price of between £7,000 and £10,000, it was the most valuable item on offer. A kilt worn by Christopher Lam-bert in 1986 film Highlander was

bought by an online bidder for £800, while a Nazi leather bomber jacket worn by Michael Caine in The Eagle Has Landed went for £480. But a

went for just £60.

Relatively small amounts were also

Relatively small amounts were also enough to purchase costumes worn by Hollywood father and son actors Kirk and Michael Douglas. A British uniform worn by Michael Douglas in Shining Through went for £40 but a Nazi uniform worn by the same actor sold for more than double that. Kirk's A suit worn by his Kirk in

Queenie fetched £55. Sean Connery proved a bigger attraction as a jacket worn by him spy movie The Russia House sold for £200. An original poster from Live and Let Die, Roger Moore's first outing as 007 went for £550 £550

The auctioneers confirmed around £35,000 was spent on the day with most bids being made online for the lots that came from three collections.

over illegal cigarettes led to court

A FORMER Stourbridge shopkeeper A FORMER Stourbridge shopkeeper who admitted possessing illegal cigarettes for sale has been given a suspended jail term and ordered to carry out unpaid work.

Mazar Abhas, aged 31, pleaded guilty to five offences in front of Dud

ley majstrates. The court heard Dud-ley Council trading standards officers visited Enville Street News in Enville Street, Stourbridge, in November 2015 accompanied by police and a to-

2015 accompanied by police and a to-bacco sniffer dog.

A total of 265 packets of cigarettes and 41 packets of hand-rolling tobacco were discovered at the shop. None had been made for the UK market so they had evaded excise duty and lacked health warnings. There were also 157 packets of counterfeit cigarettes.

Abbas, of St John Street, Dudley, was given a 12-week concurrent jail sentence for each of the five offences suspended for 12 months and was or-dered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work. He was ordered to pay £1,000 costs and an £80 victim surcharge.

The court, heard he was no longer

The court heard he was no longer involved in the running of the busi-

ness.
Councillor Rachel Harris, Dudley Council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Illegal tobacco is sold at low prices which makes it easier for children and young smokersto get hooked. Cheap cigarettes also make it harder for people to quit and remain smoke free. It deprives legitimate businesses of revenue and robs the taxpayer of money that could be spent on schools and hospitals."

Black Country duo in step for charity



Miss Black Country Abigail Cutler and Mr Black Country James Machin at RAF Cosford on their charity walk

IT was all about guts and glamour for Miss England hopeful Abigail Cutler when she tackled a charity chal-

The reigning Miss Black Country and James Machin, who is Mr Black Country, are raising cash for disadvantaged children. They were taking part in an 101-mile sponsored trek from Dudley to Southport and called at RAF Cosford Museum on the way.

Abigail, 23, chose the route as she will be appearing in the grand final of the Miss England contest in Southport later this month. The pair won their respective titles in events at the Copthorne Hotel, Brierley Hill, earlier this year. They have joined forces to raise money for the Miss England charity Beauty with a Purpose.

Their route took them through Shropshire, then on throught The Wirral to Birkenhead before arriving in Southport at the end of the three-day walk.

Dancer Abigail, who lives in Rowley Regis, said: "It is for a good cause and the money is going to disadvantaged children at home and abroad. We hope to raise awareness about the charity.

"People have been showing their support by pressing their car horns and businesses have let us use their fa-cilities. I took part in the London Marathon and James is due to do a triathalon, also in London."

The Miss England extravaganza is due to be held at Southport Theatre & Convention Centre's Floral Hall

Kent-based group buv motor dealers

TOYOTA and Hyundai dealerships in Stourbridge have changed hands in a deal which has seen Motorline Group increase its number of sites to 43.
Westlands in Brettell Lane, Am-

Westlands in Brettell Lane, Amblecote, is part of the Westlands Motor Group which has been bought for an undisclosed sum. Kent-based Motorline has acquired four Toyota and three Hyundai dealerships. The other sites are in Gloucester, Worcester Horeford and Progresser. ter, Hereford and Bromsgrove.
Westlands, which was established

Westlands, which was established by Nick Wilczynski, employs 200 staff and has annual turnover of £65 million.

The acquisition makes Motorline one of the UK's largest Toyota brand partners with 13 dealerships in the UK as well as increase the number of Hyundai dealerships from two to five.

Exhibition marking 40 years of lace guild

THE Lace Guild, based in Stour-bridge, is staging an exhibition to mark its 40th anniversary.

The display will continue in the town's historic Red House Glass Cone in High Street, Wordsley, until Sunday, July 17.

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the Somme remembered at services

THE Black Country fell silent on Friday as the Battle of the Somme was remembered 100 years on.

Whistles were blown to mark the beginning of silence at solemn services across the region to commemorate the start of the battle, which was the bloodiest in British military

was the bloodiest in British military history.

By the end of the first day nearly 20,000 had died on the battlefield in northern France. Within four months more than a million soldiers from both sides had been killed or injured in the trench warfare.

Events began early to mark the event time a century ago when whis.

Events began early to mark the exact time a century ago when whistles were blown on the British front line at 7.30am to send troops over the top and into battle.

Services were being held at Cenotaphs and churches across the region as people came out to pay their respects to the thousands of men, including many in their teens, who died. Whistles were blown at Powke Lane Cemetery in Blackheath as members of the public joined representatives from the Royal British Legion branch. Wreaths were laid as the war dead were remembered at Victoria Park in Tipton. People gathered at Holy Trin-

were remembered at Victoria Park in Tipton. People gathered at Holy Trin-ity Church in Wordsley for a remem-brance service, starting a 7.30am. A large commemorative service took place at the National Memorial

Arboretum in Staffordshire, which in-cluded a live link to the international Service of Remembrance at the Thi-epval Monument in France, attended by the Her Majesty the Queen.

Homes plan gets the green light

FOURTEEN homes will be built on a former pub site in Quarry Bank, despite opposition from concerned residents.

Plans for the flats, which will be built near the corner of Thorns Road and Caledonia, have been given the go-ahead by Dudley Council planners.

Caledonia Residents Association had objected to the plans on behalf of residents concerned about increased traffic and congestion.

The new homes at the open site, which had been occupied by a pub until the mid-1960s, will consist of six one-bedroom apartment, six two-bedroom and two three-bedroom.

The approval for the new homes scheme was granted by planners subject to 19 conditions.

Jewellery stolen in village break-in

BURGLARS raided a property in a village near Stourbridge and made off

village near Stourbridge and made off with a haul worth more than £12,000. Jewellery worth £12,500 and cash was taken from a home on Brantley Lane, Bobbington, on June 30.

The dead of Aldi taking shape on former pub site



The Aldi store under construction

site of a landmark Dudley pub is taking shape – and it is expected to open in the next five or six weeks. The latest Aldi supermarket will open on the site of the demolished

King Arthur pub, next to Birming-ham New Road. Aldi is set to employ 35 staff and six deputy managers at the store with vacancies still needing to be filled.

It comes as part of a drive by Aldi to increase its presence in the Black Country with a total of 140 new jobs

ganised a jobs fair last month so that local people could find out more about the jobs available.

Residents were also able to ask questions of Aldi bosses at the event

at Priory Primary School.

Mr Austin said: "One of the reasons

local people supported Aldi's plan for a new supermarket was because it would create over 40 new jobs in an area of high unemployment

Labour councillor Ken Finch was at he fair, which was attended by more

Aldi is that there will be jobs for local And is that there will be jobs for lock people, with at least 50 per cent of those 35 jobs going to people from the area," said Councillor Finch. "When the application was approved, that was a condition that we made as coun-

cillors - that it makes a difference to local employment opportunities.

"We do have a problem with unemployment and I am sure there are lots of people who would welcome this opportunity to be taken off the dole." To apply for an Aldi job, visit the www.aldirecruitment.co.uk website.

NEWS IN BRIEF 5

Delay warning at Thorns Road

another week on a busy dual carriage-way with one lane to be blocked off. Resurfacing work is being carried out on a stretch of the busy Thorns

out on a stretch of the busy Thorns Road at Quarry Bank, between Mount Pleasant and Caledonia, having started on Friday.

The work is scheduled to take place outside of rush hours, in a bid to minimise delays, but drivers have been warned to anticipate congestion between 9.30am and 3.30pm as traffic merges into one lane Discrution is ex-

It's a right royal treat in The Mall

MEMBERS of a charity that protects a Stourbridge park enjoyed a royal oc-casion in London, at the royal birth-day Patron's Lunch for the Queen.

The Mall was transformed into a huge street party for The Queen's official 90th birthday party on June 12 when representatives of more than 600 charities were invited.

Among them were Carrie, Roger and Isabelle Harris, who attended with Fields in Trust, which protects the King George V park. Fields in Trust is the only national charity dedicated to parks and playing fields.

Volunteers up for PCC's award

A VOLUNTARY counselling scheme that helps more than 100 children and young people a week has been nominated for a West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner's Outstand

and crime commissioner's Outstanding Citizens award.

The volunteer team at The What?
Centre in Coventry Street, Stourbridge, helps young people between 13 and 25 who are troubled or dealing with mental health issues. All the volunteers trained are resulted by when the control of the contro unteers are trained counsellors who help 120 youngsters a week.

More parking spaces near shopping centre

NEW parking spaces are being created around Halesowen's Cornbow Shopping Centre. Spaces will be made available to

Spaces will be made available to shoppers on Great Cornbow, which was mostly governed by double-yel-low lines. The changes mean shoppers will be able to park for free for up to 45 minutes. Dudley Council said the changes followed concerns from trad-ers about a lack of parking spaces im-pacting on shops. The changes come into force tomorrow (Friday).

Charity coffee boost

A STOURBRIDGE manufacturing A STOURBRIDGE manutacturing company held a coffee morning, raising more than £400 for charity. Porter and Woodman Group hosted their third charity Coffee and Cake morning in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance and a diabetes charity. Other businesses at Mill Race Lane were invited.

Carer convicted after disabled man bruised

ly disabled man, causing bruising to his ears, has been convicted of

to his ears, has been convicted of ill-treating him.

Nicholas Howard was found guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

A jury heard how the 32-year-old was supposed to be providing specialist one-to-one care at the home of his victim in Badger Court, Stourbridge, in May 2014.

His job was to work as part of a team supporting the 44-year-old due to his severe learning disability, which meant he is totally

porting the 44-year-old due to his severe learning disability, which meant he is totally dependent on others to meet his needs. But concerns were raised when Howard handed over to another carer at 9pm that night, who noticed bruising to the victim's ears. She also saw he was covered in white deodorant stains.

Police were called and an investigation was

In an interview some weeks later, Howard, of Roberts Green Road, Dudley, denied having anything to do with the bruising and suggested

anything to do with the bruising and suggested it could have been caused by self-harm.

Although he accepted the victim's deodorant was locked away in the bathroom, he claimed the victim could have taken his own personal deodorant from his bag and sprayed it while he wears't belief. wasn't looking.

Expert

However, these suggestions were rejected nowever, these suggestions were rejected by expert witnesses in court, including an occupational therapist who said it was 'highly unlikely' the bruising could have been caused by self-injury and it was just as unlikely the victim could have done drenched himself in deodorant.

Officers from West Midlands Police's Public Protection Unit pursued a victimless prosecution given the victim's disabilities.

A jury found it was Howard who was responsible for causing the injuries. He was found guilty on Friday, after denying the offence. Speaking afterwards, Detective Constable Sarah West said: "We still don't really know why Nicholas Howard carried out this abuse but his collection to talk the there was more constable." but his colleagues told us they were concerned about his general behaviour and lack of pa-tience. He was immediately suspended from work when this allegation came to light and fol-lowing Friday's conviction he will never be able to hold such a position of trust in the future." Howard will be sentenced on July 25.

Woodland clear-up after floods



Working on ground damaged by flooding are volunteers (from left) John Barrett, Louise Mason, Paul Mason n, and Derek Langford with se nior project officer Stefan Lewandowski, of Halesowen, at Saltwells

VOLUNTEERS have helped transform a nature reserve damaged by flash floods.

A team from The Conservation Volunteers have been working at Saltwells Nature Reserve, between Netherton and Brierley Hill. In recent months they have cleared rubbish, got rid of weeds and cut back overgrown plants.

The project was funded by Intu,

Their efforts were disrupted by recent downpours, which caused flash flooding across the Black Country and left part of the reserve under water.

Stefan Lewandowski, senior project officer, said: "We have been doing general tidying up and conservation. Then the water

which owns the nearby Merry Hill shopping centre. way maintenance.

Fly-tipping has also been an issue, with the team having to remove rubbish that had been dumped in the woodland.

"We have removed a lot of the rubbish. Now it is cleaner we are seeing a lot more wildlife. We have seen kingfisher on the site.



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IN MY VIEW

Gunning for names linked to dark past

THIS month we mark Black Country Day, a time to celebrate the countless industries which made this area the workshop of the world. From the Newcomen steam engine at Dudley, the glittering glassware of Wordsley and Kingswinford, the red, fiery furnaces of Bilston, Wednesbury, and Brierley Hill – the Black Country led the world.

and Brierley Hill – the Black Country led the world.

Unless, it seems, you are the headmistress of a school at the heart of one of our historic manufacturing centres.

For centuries there has been an area

around the outskirts of West Bromwich

For centuries there has been an area around the outskirts of West Bromwich known as Guns Village. Its precise origins are uncertain, but around the 18th and 19th centuries it played a major role in Britain's munitions industry.

Ok, so some of the industrialists of the day weren't too fussy about where their weapons ended up – in many cases, the Confederate side of the American Civil War. Nevertheless, Guns Village played an important role in making West Bromwich the place it is today.

Dawn Cooper, the headmistress of Guns Village Primary School, believes the name has connotations with gun crime, and is inviting people to come up with a nice new touchy-feely name for the school. I suppose we should be grateful she didn't use the word 'inclusive', which usually accompanies such madcap proposals. But if you apply the same logic elsewhere, should Arsenal football club be renamed?

Slave

Slave
Then there's Fighting Cocks in Wolverhampton, which of course is associated with blood-sports, not to mention the Bull Rings in Birmingham and Sedgley.
And what about Penny Lane, immortalised by The Beatles? The road, near John Lennon's childhood home, was named after John Penny, a leading figure in Liverpool's slave trade. I suppose Paul McCartney's lyrics could be rewritten, but somehow "in the road at the junction near the bus terminal at Smithdown Place there is a barber showing photographs" doesn't really work, does it? Maybe the song should be banned altogether. Suits me, I can't stand The Beatles.
Of course, it's easy to poke fun, which is why I do it. But there is a serious side to all this. History is littered with bloody and unpalatable stories, from the rise and fall of the Roman Empire to the Second World War. But this modern, 'progressive' than the transplant and progressive' than the progressive than the progressive than the progressive than the progressive the transplant and the progressive than th

World War. But this modern, 'progressive' idea that everything unpleasant or offensive should be airbrushed from our past is disturbing in an age where university students demand 'safe spaces' lest they be subjected to opinions they dislike.

Guns Village will always be Guns Village, whatever the school thinks. Perhaps if schools spent more time teaching youngsters about local history rather than shielding them from anything unpleasant or violent, they would have more of a sense of identity and civic pride.



Bert Spencer insists he had no role in Carl's death



Murdered - 13-year-old paperboy Carl Bridgewater was shot



True crime writer Simon Golding spent two years on the b

Quest for truth over the murder of Carl

Golding tells TOBY NEAL how he shed new light on a notorious child murder

AN author who says he has uncovered evidence which sheds new light on the unsolved murder of paperboy Carl Bridgewater.

True crime writer Simon Golding, from Bridgnorth, has detailed his findings in a book which has taken nearly two years to write. He was also was involved in a recent Channel 4 television documenta-

recent Channel 4 television documentary in which Bert Spencer – a convicted murderer who has lived under a cloud of suspicion that he killed 13-year-old Carl – was interviewed by a top criminologist. Spencer vociferously denied any involvement in the 1978 killing, for which four men – who became known as the Bridgewater Four were convicted – but subsequently cleared by the Court of Appeal in 1997.
Carl is thought to have disturbed burglars while delivering a paper to Yew Tree Farm at Prestwood, in countryside near Stourbridge, and was shot dead at point blank range.

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Golding's book is called Scapegoat for Murder: The Truth About the Killing of Carl Bridgewater and was originally due to be launched last September.
But Simon was approached by the television team and worked closely with them, and agreed to delay publication until after the documentary was broadcast last month.
It takes its "scapegoat" title from a phrase often used by Spencer.
Simon, who used to live near the scene of the killing, said: "It is a misconception that I am in any way in support of Bert Spencer.
"My only loyalty was to the truth and to try to seek justice for the violent and senseless murder of a 13-year-old boy. This story is so very tragic and close to my heart. I lived in Stourton and could see Yew Tree Farm, where the murder took place, from my attic bedroom at age 16.
"I watched the police combing the area for

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The scene of the crime that shocked the nation in 1978 – Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge

clues. I knew a few of the witnesses, together with the doctor who first found Carl's dead

Personal

"Carl's father worked for my late father and I had worked next to Brian Bridgewater before I became a journalist, writer and producer in 1994, so it was somewhat personal to me."

The book, he says, was written neither to exonerate nor incriminate Spencer.
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"It is up to the reader to make their minds," he said.

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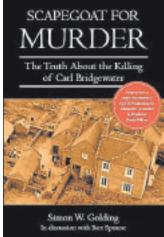
The author says that when Spencer was in prison for the murder of Hubert Wilkes, he had written a series of notes and essays in the form of a rough manuscript, which were passed on. The documents were a crude rant

at his accusers, including campaigning journalist Paul Foot. Although little was usable, Simon conducted his own investigation and came up with his own conclusions.

"I started my journey with contact from Bert Spencer, due to an unrelated incident as his late brother, Don, shared a mutual friend—I was trying to track this friend down as it was coming up to my 50th birthday.

"Of course, I knew all about Spencer being a major suspect in the murder of the paperboy. This was when the Bridgewater Four campaign was starting up. I built up an odd friendship with Spencer and he found out I was a writer.

"In the early days I was a campaigner for the Bridgewater Four. Then, after my early dealings with Spencer, I got more involved.



Scapegoat for Murder by Simon Golding

"I started writing the book and tried to be objective and I went through the process letting Bert have his right of reply, but also checking up on certain events where information was available.
"I had obviously interviewed Spencer faceto-face many times and I think it was fair to say he would paint himself in the best possible light. All my conclusions in the book challenge some of the information shared with me by Spencer."

Spencer."
Simon added: "On many TV and other media interviews Spencer talks about 'his' book, which is totally incorrect – I have full rights and Spencer has not actually read my

He said the book was selling well and was in the Amazon bestseller list for true crime.







No coherent plan for museum's move

I'VE yet to identify a coherent plan by for a regular exhibitions programme, it Dudley Council regarding the closure of Dudley Museum and transfer of its permanent collection/exhibitions programme to Dudley Archives.

The Archives building in Tinton Dudley Archives.

The Archives building in Tipton Road is beautiful, yet it was designed to house local and civic records – it seems it's now being asked to transform into a display facility as well as storing ar-tefacts.

There is only one room at Archives that is remotely suitable for exhibi-tions, and that's the foyer that includes a small alcove area. If that is to be used

One by one, all other rooms at Archives have been occupied by various council departments and one commer-cial organisation. Therefore the only way to provide exhibition space is to build a museum extension. It would make sense to provide an all-round heritage amenity on one site but non-sense if the purpose of the whole exer-cise is to save money.

building down is the unmade car park – a rough area full of potholes. Whatever happens, this area must be improved because it currently presents an appall-

ing impression to visitors.

There is no indication either of what There is no indication either of what may happen to the staff of both buildings. Archives skills and museum skills aren't the same. Will Archives staff have to retrain so they can double up as museum staff and be expected to cope with all the additional work?

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Volunteer at Dudley Archives

Now we must work together

REGARDLESS of which side we voted for, it is now time to put the differences aside and to make Britain better by working together.

For too long immigrants For too long immigrants have been used as scape-goats. Truth is we British have in some ways neglected our country, letting it and its reputation decline.

This is our time to focus on Britain, our home. We must work together to ensure our youngsters are well

sure our youngsters are well educated, to work with communities and police to cut crime, to tackle anti-social behaviour and make our neighbourhoods safe and friendly, work with businesses to help sustain employment and growth.

It is time to put Britain back on the map as a nation of honest and hard working people. It is down to us to make a better future. So, help Britain thrive again and be respected as it once was. Otherwise, it will be too late to repair.

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'Let it rip' riders are not without blame

I HAVE seen articles pleading with motorists to 'be more aware of motorcyclists', attributed to Michael Rutter.

One of the major factors of motorcyclists being involved

One of the major factors of motorcyclists being involved in accidents is speed. A couple of years ago, my brother-in-law was in Sandwell Hospital and the guy in the next bed was an elderly motorcyclist, who said: "We buy the newest and best bikes when they come on the market, and just let it rip." I once knew a guy who used to brag that he rode along the 'Rabbit Run' at 140 mph.

And what about clothing? Many riders wear black. Can they be seen clearly? And what about lights? They give others charget a see bikes but how many de not bother to be a second or the seen they are the seen that they have the seen they are the seen that they are the seen that they are the seen that they are the are they are they are they are they are they are they are they

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them on.

The most important item is the Highway Code and speed limits. How often do motorcyclists ignore both of these? If they are involved in an accident, the riders are always said by their relatives to be 'careful riders'.

My wife and I frequent the Wolverley area. Both the A449 main road, and the road in and out of Wolverley village, are used by motorcyclists to 'let rip'.

All road users should take care.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The Brexit blunder is not binding

NOW the consequences of an exit from the EU are becoming more apparent, I suspect some may be won-dering if they have done the

right thing.

I believe a referendum is fine as a barometer of public opinion but it should never be used in isolation to determine Company to be in the c mine Government policy.
We democratically elect

our MPs to make such deci-sions on our behalf. To delesions on our behalf. To delegate such major decisions to the people is an act of gross negligence and a sure sign of a weak and divided Government. Cameron has put the interests of his party before the interests of the country. We would never trust the future of our country to the media and flamboyant political extremists, but a

political extremists, but a pointeal extremists, but a referendum leaves the elec-torate at the mercy of such people. A referendum is not legally binding. There is still time to get out of this mess, if the Government has the

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Royal family Guest a ray of light quiz helps to save the day with colourful talk Grange E Guild

ACTING chairman Chris Holton presided over the June meeting at Grange Court, Stourbridge, giving a warm welcome to all mem-bers and visitors. In her report, secretary Jean Williams announced that Grange Guild would be

that Grange Guild would be that Grange child would be entering three teams in the annual inter-guild quiz at Stourbridge Football Club and several guild members would be attending the Federation's annual luncheon the Verwick's retourned.

eration's annual function at Vesuvio's restaurant, Stourbridge on July 25.

Treasurer Jill Attwood gave an up-to-date financial report and Marlene O'Hanlon brought everyone up-to-date with items needed for the shoeboxes. Next month she would like donations of stationery. The collection of copper coins was still going strong and donations for the strong and donations for the food bank was also doing

Unfortunately, the speaker for the evening was unable to attend and was unable to attend and guild member Jacqueline Hill stepped in and saved the evening. She presented a very enjoyable quiz where all the questions concerned members of the Royal family. Small prizes were awarded to the winners and Jacqueline was given a vote

awarded to the winners and Jacqueline was given a vote of thanks by Chris. The raffle was drawn with three lucky winners. The sales table consisted of plants which went well. The

plants which went well. The sales table for July will be bring and buy. Anyone interested in join-ing the guild can go along to a meetings as a visitor. Or, contact secretary Jean Wil-liams on 01384 832439.



Treasurer Sandra Chappell, vice chairman Ann Rogers, Sue Langley and Mary Jones

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones was delighted that two recent visitors decided to join and also welcomed another new lady. The three-course lunch at The Lodge, Wellington Road, Dudley was once again of the highest standard. Special thanks go to the staff. The speaker Sue Langley was very enthusiastic on the subject of The Glory of Colour. Apparently we all have an aura which is an energy field that surrounds our body. This varies in size but the average extends from the body by up to a meter in seven different colour rays, each one associated with particular organs, and without realising it what we choose to wear is linked to our aura that day. Together with

A sea of red, white and blue

A STRAWBERRY tea was held in June as a 90th birth-day tribute to Her Majesty The Queen.

The Queen.

A birthday toast was proposed by president Doreen Comley. There was a display of photographs taken at special events over the years, and as a result there was a lot of happy chatter as memories were aroused. All this

Kingswinford TWG

was followed by a red, white and blue bring and buy sale to raise much-needed funds. Members were congrat-ulated for wearing the national colours. Special thanks were extended to Brenda Greenaway for pro-viding the flower arrangement for the chairman's table, also in red white and blue. It was donated as an extra raffle prize.

Sally Fowler and Bessie Waters won the raffle prizes and chairman Enid Fennell wished the quiz team luck. On July 11 at 7.30pm at

the community centre, Ron Gallivan will speak about the Amish People.

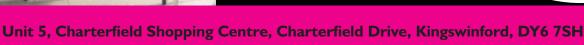
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It's generation joy for Midland UPVC super mom Joan, 85



Joan O'Neill cradles two-week-old great-grandchild Joshua at the family party to celebrate her 85th birthday "THEY took a lot of bringing

up, but they were good children."

These are the words of Joan O'Neill, mother of 11, grandmother of 24 and great-grandmother of 17 with another three on the way at her 85th birthday celebrations.

The huge family party saw four generations and 50 family members come together to honour its matriarch.

Joan, of Upper Gornal, and her clan arrived at the Conservative Club in Hill Street for her surprise bash, which was also attended by her sisters

great-grandchild Joshua at the family Irene, 91, and Ruth, 80 and her youngest great-grandchild Joshua, who is only two weeks old.

Joan said: "I can't believe everyone is here. They took a lot of bringing up but they were good children. I couldn't ask for a better family. The grandchildren are all very good, especially when they do my housework."

Born in Worcester, Joan married Eddie in 1952, had 11 children. First came Michael, followed by Jerry, John, Maria, Chris, Stephen, Kathy, Bernadette, Angela, Eddie and Anthony. Husband Eddie, Jerry and Eddie Jnr have since passed away but Joan's have since passed away but Joan's remaining nine children and other

descendants were in attendance at the

family gathering.

Joan and Eddie used to run the
Horse and Jockey pub in Upper Gornal during the 80s.

nal during the 80s."

Reminiscing about growing up, Maria said: "The milkman used to deliver 12 bottles of milk every day, we used to get a sack of spuds each week and four loaves of bread every day. "I don't think we really appreciated it at the time how hard she had to work. She had it tough when we were growing up, because our dad was working away a lot. "This is such a close-knit family.

"This is such a close-knit family, everybody is friends with each other."

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Farce was funny, but not a laugh out loud

Swap!, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton THE 'fun' started when I asked the programme seller in the foyer if she wanted to

in the foyer it she wanted to exchange (as it had Swap! emblazoned on it). And then I was in danger of missing the ending. It said Act 2: 24 Hours Later,

you see, so I was going to come back the next day. Such gags are on a par with the ones in this farce, written and directed by Ian Ogilyy. Some were subtle, others shoehorned in, but,

others shoehorned in, but, although funny in places wasn't laugh out loud.

It was set in Marbella where Brian and Susan Flowers and her brother Jeremy swapped homes with the householder. Bodies soon appeared and the trio got themselves into a host of tricky situations.

tricky situations.

Nine bodies turned up among the cast of seven. But there was 'corpsing' from one of those that lived. First Patric Kearns as Jeremy told Brian (David

Callister) to "Shut up Bri-ony." Then he referred to the character Nick Nick as Knick-Knack. Stafford-born Freya Copeland, ex of Emmerdale,

copieind, ex of Emmerdale, can be forgiven for overact-ing at times, while Louisa Lytton, formerly of The Bill and EastEnders, appeared as homeowner Paul Dob-

as noneowner Fath Dob-son's ex-girlfriend Coral. David Janson, best known as the Keeping Up Appear-ances postman, was Dobson and mobster Pedro. Davies Palmer and Alan Mehdizadeh also took on multi roles.

Mark Shipp



Mamma Mia!

Birmingham Hippodrome

To misquote Abba's Dancing Queen, the Mamma Mial musical juggernaut rolled into town and it really did look like the cast were 'having the time of their lives'.

We were invited to throw away any preconceptions we may have had thanks to THAT movie, which featured some of the worst singing ever laid down on celluloid!

And with this colourful take on the story, a few tweaks here and there, a simple set

And with this colourful take on the story, a few tweaks here and there, a simple set which does not detract from the music, and a couple of extra Abba songs thrown in for good measure – it was a case of Meryl who? Sara Poyzer steers the ship with ease as single mum Donna, who is coming to terms with the marriage of her young daughter on a Greek island, whilst running a hotel. Of course farce ensues when she keeps bumping into the three potential fathers of Sophie – played by English rose Lucy May Barker – after she sets up the quest to establish her paternal roots.

Things really take off when Donna's former 'backing singers' Rosie (Jacqueline Braun) and Tanya (Emma Clifford) burst onto the scene, effortless in their stagecraft and bringing every possible comic nuance to the fore.

REVIEWS

Super troupers - Emma Clifford, Sara Poyzer and Jacqueline Braun, in Mamma

The pair's vocals, particularly during Chiquitita blend beautifully and provide the foundations for many a standout moment. But, and here is the cliche you've all been waiting for, the real star of the show is the music! Sorry.

One forgets how – and this is difficult for me to write – great some of the music from Mssrs Andersson and Ulvaeus really is. The Name of the Game, is an absolute classic, Thank You For The Music is beautifully lilting. lilting.

One final mention must go to the amaz-

One mai mention must go to the amazingly energetic ensemble who seem to be running around the stage, doing acrobatics and hernia-inducing gyrations all night long. But no-one quite gets close to the Duracell-battery powered pocket-rocket Louis Stockil as Pepper, whose performance during Does Your Mother Know comes close to stabilize the about 1999.

stealing the show.

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family in park

MORE than 7,000 people are anticipated at a Dudley park for an annual festival on Saturday.

Saturday. Netherton Park is preparing to host entertainment for all the family from 10am. For younger visitors there will be a bouncy pirate ship, giant inflatable slide, bungee trampolines and a host of attractions.

trampolines and a host of attractions. There will also be bric-a-brac and market stalls, craft and jewellery stalls and a classic car display, as well as Dudley Zoo staff bringing along a number of animals.

West Midlands Fire Service will be doing demonstrations on the day and there will be representatives from organisations including Dudley Lions, Compton Hospice, Dudley Fostering, Black Country Wildlife Trust, Coombeswood Canal Trust, Mary Steven's Hospice and St John Ambulance.

Hospice and St John Ambulance.
Richard Johnson, from the Friends of Netherton Park, said: "This year will be the 11th year we have put on the event with it growing year on year.

Fun for all the Support group work puts Jon in line for citizen award

group for men struggling with depression and addiction is up for an Outstanding Citizen award.

Jon Mansell, aged 43, runs free drop-in group, Ex Boozehounds at the Hope Centre in Halesowen. He also writes a popular blog, detailing his own experiences with addiction and mental health issues.

mental health issues.

Mr Mansell is up for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner's Outstanding Citizen award and will find out if he has won at Birmingham Repertory Theatre on July 13.

He said: "The staff from the Hope Centre got in touch a year ago after reading my blog and said that I could help there. Some days in the group there are two people, other days there are eight. It gives men the chance to focus on their demons and talk

through their issues.

"We help each other through different things and relax. We support them and then their confidence builds and

they strengthen.

"There is a lot of pressure on men.
Take me, for example, people say that
by 43 I should be married, with kids,
a 4X4 and a semi-detached house and
good job – if you don't have those,

you're a failure and that pressure is unhealthy.
"I am against that whole 'just pull yourself together' attitude but it does feel as though things are changing. I'm in the process of setting up an-other group. Attitudes are changing and we are moving in the right diand we are moving in the right di-rection. I want to fight against the stigma and be upfront, honest and not ashamed. I was chuffed to bits to get the nomination.

West Midlands Police and Crime West Midiands Fonce and Chind Commissioner David Jamieson said: "Jon is putting his head above the par-apet to help a group of people so often Jon Mansell – support group



Towering ambition for landlocked lighthouse

A MONUMENTAL 'lighthouse' could stand at the centre of the redeveloped former Chance Brothers Glassworks site

in Smethwick, say developers behind the proposed £10 million scheme. A group aiming to renovate the Spon Lane site with homes and new employment opportunities want the giant struc-ture as a centrepiece.

World

The lit-up tower would pay homage to the Smethwick glassworks which provided optical components used in lighthouses around the world. The glass face

nouses around the world. The glass face on London's Big Ben was also made there. Designs show the lighthouse overlooking the M5. Much of the site, including the iconic seven-storey building next to the motorway, has fallen into ruin. The Chance Glass Works Heritage Trust want the green light to regenerate the area.

Homegrown horror movie getting Close



Tense moment – Emmy Award winner Glenn Close in a scene from horror thriller The Girl With All The Gifts

THE first trailer for a new zombie horror movie which was filmed in the Black Country, Birmingham and on Cannock Chase has been released. The Girl With All The Gifts, star-ring Staffordshire-born Peaky Blinders actor Paddy Considine, Hollywood star Glenn Close and Gemma Arterton is set for release later this year. Scenes were shot at lo-cations in Dudley and Halesowen for the movie, which is based on a novel by Mike Carey.

Children's services

THREE-QUARTERS of children's services departments across England are inadequate or require improvement, say Ofsted. These include Dudley, Birmingham and Sandwell's children services.

Inspectors who looked at the problems nationwide

say Ofsted. These include Dudley, Birmingham and Sandwell's children services.

Inspectors who looked at the problems nationwide blamed weak leadership and too-high caseloads for social workers as major reasons why some local authorities are failing to care for vulnerable children.

One in four authorities inspected under a new, more rigorous regime were judged inadequate – a five per cent rise on the previous round of inspections. A further 43 required improvement to be regarded as good, while just 23 authorities were providing good or outstanding services.

Chief inspector Sir Michael Wilshaw said the figures were unacceptable and added that while Ofsted published the names of underperforming local authorities, he could be tempted' to publish the names of poor managers to stop them moving around the system.

Common features of inadequate services include children having too many different social workers, the high caseloads, delays in making visits and a failure to see children alone. Poor leadership or supervision of social workers were also highlighted.

The report also stressed that failings were not because of funding levels adding. "It's about how local authorities are funded to the season of funding levels adding." "It's about how local authorities are funded to the season of funding levels adding." "It's about how local authorities are

were also highlighted.

The report also stressed that failings were not because of funding levels, adding: "It's about how local authorities use their funding. Some of the highest spending local authorities were also the weakest." It concluded that the quality of leadership in an area was "the single most important factor" in the standard of protection given to children.

Sir Michael said: "There is clearly an ongoing need for improvement. While we have seen some green shoots of progress, too many areas are still failing the children they are charged with protecting. This report shows that the context of a local authority, including size, deprivation and funding, cannot be used as an excuse for poor performance. If some authorities can succeed in difficult circumstances, so can others."





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£11.7m skills centre set to open in 2017

The live of an \$11.7 million manufacturing training centre in the Black Country have been formally submitted.

submitted.
The skills centre proposed for the former Thomas Dudley site, off Tipton Road, Tividale, would be built in collaboration with the University of Wolverhampton. It is hoped it could be consideration.

Wolverhampton. It is hoped it could open next year.

The facility would offer special-ist training in toolmaking, foundry skills, pattern making and metal forming, becoming the latest train-ing centre to launch in Dudley. Sev-eral similar bases have already been launched at campuses in recent

An artist's impression has revealed a building with the main workshop decked out in the colours of the Black Country flag.

Excellence

The centre is due to open in 2017 and it is hoped it will become the new institute of technology for the Black Country.

The scheme received £7.6 million The scheme received £7.0 minion of crucial funding, which was allocated by The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), through its Growth Deal.

The plans are now due to go be-

committee this summer.
Businessman Ninder Johal, an
LEP board member, said: "It's great

to see the plans have gone in.
"As we all know the Black Coun-As we all know the Black Country has a long tradition of manufacturing excellence and we have seen a recent renaissance in the area. The LEP is focused on making sure we maximise that skill set."

A design and access statement submitted alongside the plans confirmed the proposed black, red and white colour scheme for the workshop, drawing inspiration from the Black Country flag.

The report states "We have the proper states the proper stat

Black Country flag.

The report states: "We believe this reference will engender a sense of pride for the local community and make this an iconic building."

In May it was revealed that the centre was going to cost £400,000 more than originally anticipated after a pipeline was discovered running underneath the site.

The report states: "The building has been designed to work as efficiently as possible on the split level site. The workshops location within the site aims to maximise the relationship of this element of the relationship of this element of the building with the existing foundry adjacent."



An artist's impression of the proposed new manufacturing training and skills centre in Tividale

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Zoo weaves web of success for work to save rare spider

DUDLEY Zoo weaved a web of success as it scooped a gold award for its project with the fen raft spider (Dolo-

gold award for its project with the fell rait spider (Dolo-medes plantarius).

The Castle Hill attraction was awarded gold in the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA) 50th Anniversary awards for the project which

(BIALA) both Anniversary awards for the project which began in 2011.

Working with nine other zoos around the UK, Dudley co-ordinated the national programme which involved keepers acting as foster parents to 2,450 Fen raft spiderlings for two months, feeding and caring for them until hey were strong enough to be released into their natural

There are only three known populations – in Norfolk, East Sussex and South Wales – due to major losses of wetland habitats.

Bass Sussex and South Wates — due to major losses of wetland habitats.

Fen raft spiders are listed as vulnerable and is one of only two spider species fully protected by UK law.

Zoo conservation officer Chris Leeson, said he was thrilled that the zoo had picked up the award.

He said: "We're thrilled to be recognised by BIAZA for our work with Fen rafts. Rearing them in captivity increases their slim survival chances in the wild to over 90 per cent. Without projects like this one, where we've been able to give the species a helping hand to re-populate and hopefully help secure its future, it would've been difficult for the arachnid to recover on its own."

Dudley Zoo's Caroline Howard played 'mum' to 400 one to two-week-old baby spiders. She individually fed each one fruit flies every few days.

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Teenager is locked up for causing death crash

ecoms engineer while speeding in his mother's car has been put behind bars for four and a half years.

Matthew Harding, aged 27, was working at the roadside in a Coseley street when he was struck by

roadside in a Coseley street when he was struck by the Citroen Picasso.

The 17-year-old who was behind the wheel had ignored warnings from his mother not to take her car.

One witness told police to turn off his life support a clue how to drive', Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

By Richard Guttridge to turn off his life support a clue how to drive', Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The driver, who cannot

In arriver, who cannot be named because of his age, had been distracted as he was trying to turn on the windscreen wipers and then swerved to avoid a parked car, the court was told.

car, the court was told.
The vehicle careered into
two Virgin Media technicians, Mr Harding and his
colleague Jermaine Buchanan, at the corner of
Jack Holden Avenue, Wood-

Cannabis

The youth, from Tipton, had been driving at 47mph in the residential area and had smoked cannabis the night before.

Mr Harding, a father from Oldbury, had only got married a week before he was hilled as the Oldstream of the control of the contro

blied on July 20 last year.

Danielle – his wife of just
10 days – had to make the
'heartbreaking' decision

to turn off his life support machine after being told by doctors there was no hope, the court was told.

the court was told.

Sentencing the driver,
Judge James Burbidge said
it was clear the teenager
knew nothing about cars
and had made the deliberate decision get behind the wheel anyway with cata-

strophic consequences.

The judge said: "This was a flagrant disregard of all the rules of the road. You took the car without permission and the inevitable

mission and the inevitable happened.
"You knew you had been told not to drive and you knew you were incapable of driving."
The teenager, who was 16 at the time of the incident, was banned from driving for seven and a half years.
The youth had admitted causing death by danger-

The youth had admitted causing death by dangerous driving and a separate charge of causing serious injury by dangerous driving at a previous hearing.

Bill's day at Beacon

A BEACON Centre user has celebrated his 100th birthday with a party at the Sedgley-based service for the visually impaired. Bill Richards, marked the big day on June 18 when staff

Bill Richards, marked the big day on June 18 when staff organised a party for him.

Mr Richards was born in Wolverhampton and, apart from a 25-year spell living near Croydon, has lived in or around the city all his life.

He joined the army in 1940 with the Royal Engineers and after leaving he completed an apprenticeship within the printing industry. He said: "I love coming to the Beacon Centre and have made a lot of friends."



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Scaffolding

A SCAFFOLDING tower has been stolen from a sta-dium in Kingswinford. The raiders broke a fence

to get into the Handrahan Sports Stadium on Mile Flat, Wall Heath, and then dismantled the tower before making off.

fore making off.

The incident took place sometime between 4:30pm on Thursday, June 30, and 8am the following morning.

A spokesperson for Staffordshire Police said: "If you witnessed anything suspicious around this time or have any information in relation to this incident, please contact Stafford shire Police on 101 quoting incident number 147 of July 1.

Police also issued a warn-ing, saying: "Please remain vigilant and be on your guard. Regularly review your security measures and contact the police if you see any suspicious activity."

Two women hurt in crash

TWO people were taken to hospital after a car ac-cident in Kingswinford which saw a wall part-de-molished and a tree knocked over.

The crash, which oc-curred at midnight on Monday in Rangeways Road, left the silver Vauxhall Corsa on its side.

Two women who were in the car, which finished up on the drive of a bungalow in the street, were taken to hospital with minor in-

MP calls for re-opening of Bridgewater murder case

shire, has joined Dudley North MP Ian Austin in calling for the reopening of the Carl Bridgewater case.

It comes after a TV documentary cast doubt on the alibi of the initial suspect, Bert Spencer.

Mr Spencer has called the Channel 4 programme – Interview With a Murderer – 'deceitful' and is calling for

the prosecution of his ex-wife Janet over claims she made in the documentary

and criminologist Pro-fessor David Wilson, who interviewed him for the pro-

Mr Williamson said he wants justice for the 'shock-ing crime' and has called on Home Secretary, the Solic-itor General and the Chief Constable of Staffordshire to consider reopening the

He said: "It is terrible He said: "It is terrible that the true killer of Carl Bridgewater has never been held to account. I strongly support calls for the case to be looked at afresh in view of this pecific heavy priders." be looked at afresh in view of this possible new evidence or this possible new evidence and very much hope that we may finally be able to see whoever was responsible for this shocking crime brought to justice."

The murder of the 13-year-old paper boy at Yew Tree Farm near King-swinford in 1978 shocked the nation. It is believed he

was shot because he had disturbed a burglary.
As well as Mr Williamson, Dudley North MP Ian Austin has called on Home Secretary Theresa May to reopen the investigation into the murder of the Wordsley boy 38 years ago.
Staffordshire Police have seen the 90-minute pro-

seen the 90-minute pro-gramme, Interview With a Murderer, broadcast on

June 12.

The programme featured interviews with Bert tured interviews with Bert Spencer, a suspect before the Bridgewater Four were wrongly convicted of the killing, and claims to cast doubts on his 'cast-iron' alibi.

alibi.

Mr Spencer, who now lives in Lincolnshire, served 15 years in prison for the 1979 shotgun killing of Hubert Wilkes at Holloway House Farm, Prestwood.

Quest for Truth - see page 6



Elizabeth Oldnall, aged 14, with her five-year-old brother Robert, aged 5, from Wall Heath

Spirit of the 1940s captured

IT looks like a heart-warming family scene from the 1940s but this photo of siblings Robert and Elizsiblings Robert and Eliz-abeth Oldnall, from Wall Heath, was actually taken just a few days ago – during the 1940s weekends held at the Severn Valley Rail-way in Kidderminster and Bridgnorth.

With men in uniform gathered on the platform and an evacuation train pulling into the station, visitors to heritage railway line could have been forgiven for thinking they were back in wartime Britain.

The spirit of the 1940s,

The spirit of the 1940s, complete with fashions and music from the ear, was conjured as thousands of enthusiasts visited during the annual celebration of Britain during the Second World War World War.

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London & Cambridge Properties (LCP) plans to extend Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford with a series

exténd Pensnett Estate, Kingswinford, with a series of warehouse and industrial units.

The plans for the first phase of the development, comprising 130,000 sq ft, have been submitted to Dudley Council.

LCP is a major UK property and development company with its own

property and development company with its own headquarters on the Pensnett Estate.

Among its various Black Country sites it also owns the Wulfrun shopping center in Wolverhampton. Its Kingswinford site is one of the biggest secure business estates in Europe, home to 170 businesses.

Flower show Miracle theme

A SPECIAL 'celebration in flowers' is to take place in Kingswinford this week end. The 'Miraculum' flower

The 'Miraculum' flower show will take place at St Mary's Church on Saturday from 10am till 4pm and on Sunday from 11.30pm to 4pm. A special Evensong service will take place on Sunday at 6.30pm to close the show the show.

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A VOLUNTEER has helped to create a therapeutic balcony garden for patients at an outpatient hospital in Stourbridge.
The garden was created at Corbett Outpatient Centre, in Amblecote, by keen gar-

dener Steve Saul.

dener Steve Saul.

Mr Saul came up with the idea with Occupational Therapist Erika Keshelya during one of his routine appointments.

"We have had such a huge amount of support from staff and patients," he said.
"People have been bringing in plants and offering help. It's been wonderful and I just don't want the project to ever come to an end."

end."

The balcony garden, opened by Dudley group NHS Foundation Trust chief executive Paula Clark, includes a greenhouse, rose arch and large plant troughs filled with plants and flowers. It has transformed a unused balcony and was financed by donations from the trust, patients and supporters.

have been caught speeding in the

Black Country have been revealed.

One road im Halesowen clocked up almost 1,000 offenders. On another a motorist was caught driving at 92mph, on the northbound carriageway of the 40mph A4123 Birmingham New Road.

New Road.

A total of 970 motorists caught were on the A456 Manor Way in Halesowen, which topped the list of cameras across the region which were activated the most.

Second on the list of most triggered mobile cameras was the A459 Halesowen Road in Old Hill with 505 activations. Third was Henwood

was activated on 428 occasions. Fourth was the A4123 Birmingham New Road northbound with 387 and fifth The Droveway eastbound in Wolverhampton with 351.

verhampton with 351.

Halesowen North Councillor Karen Shakespeare said she was not surprised Manor Way topped the list.

She said: "The police always do seem to be there, more than a lot of other places. There are also issues with the speed limit, as it changes from 40mph to 50mph. I think it's not that clear for motorists to understand what exactly the speed limit is. Some of them just don't care."

The list of the top five highest speeds caught on camera in 2015-16 is topped by the north-

driver tearing along at 92mph.

Second is the A4041 Queslett Road in Great
Barr which someone was caught driving at 87mph on.

Symph on.

Coming in third was a driver clocked at 81mph on the A41 Black Country New Road in Wednesbury, in a 40mph stretch, while a driver was captured doing 78mph southbound on the same road near the Swan Roundabout in West Bromwich. The top five is made up by a 78mph clocking on the southbound A4031 Trinity Way

in West Bromwich.

The camera triggered the least was on the northbound stretch of Bourne Street and Brook Street in Sedgley, activated just 19 times.

A SENIOR councillor is hopeful the Black Country has done enough to impress experts from UNESCO as it bids to be

experts from UNESCO as it bids to be granted Geopark status.

Top delegates from Finland and China have been on a tour of the region to judge geological sites and assess whether it is worthy of the recognition that could help generate thousands of pounds worth of extra tourism and investment.

The Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve in Dudley, Saltwells, Barr Beacon in Walsall and Galton Valley in Sandwell were among the sites they visited.

Dudley Council's regeneration boss Khurshid Ahmed said: "We know they have found the region to be an interest-

National Alimed Said: We know they have found the region to be an interesting place. We remain positive about the future of the project and look forward to a decision being announced in the spring of next year."

Players step out with comedy



The 39 Steps cast Phil Astle, Christopher Stanton (with pipe), Paul Marks and Dawn Burgess

bring the curtain down on Oldbury Rep's 77th season.

The fast-paced production will feature an on-stage plane crash, old-fashioned romance and a death-defying finale. It will be staged from Saturday, July 9, to July 16, at 7.30 nightly at the 170-seat Barlow Theatre in Langley.

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A company spokesman said: "A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, The 39 Steps amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure and a fun filled end to our season."

This newton of the stage of the

A CAST of four will race through more than 150 characters in a comedy version of a classic spy thriller.

Based on John Buchan's novel and Alfred Hitchcock's 1935 movie, The 39 Steps will against Britain during the run-up to the against Britain during the run-up to the

First World War.
Tickets are £10, or £9 concessions, with a discounted Monday and Tuesday price of

Tickets can be bought from the box office on Mondays from 7.30pm. Call 0121 552 2761 or book online at www.oldburyrep.org

Other forthcoming amateur productions include Joe Orton's What The Butler Saw (September 10 to 17); The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband by Debbie Isitt (Ocand a fun filled end to our season."

This version of the award-winning play, written by Patrick Barlow, mixes zany

tober 10-15); The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde by Nick Lane (November 5-12); and panto Dick Whittington in January.

Driver in lucky escape | Van man is as car flips in crash

A CAR ended up on its roof after it hit three parked vehi-cles – yet the driver escaped with just a cut to his thumb. The 24-year-old was taken to Russells Hall Hospital fol-lowing the crash in Queen Street, Brierley Hill, on June 27. Police, ambulance and fire crews were called to the scene just after 11 300pm.

just after 11.30pm.
Residents were woken by the sound of the smash in the

Street. West Midlands Police spokesman Brigg Ford said: "No one was trapped in the vehicle upon arrival. The driver had a cut to his thumb, so was taken to hospital. The car had collided with three parked vehicles and overturned in the road"

the road.
West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman, Claire Brown, added: "The car was on its roof and one patient was taken to Russells Hall Hospital while the other patient didn't require hospital treatment."

recovering

A MAN is recovering after 'momentarily' being trapped under a van in Dud-

ley.

The incident happened in Magdalen Close, Dudley, just before 8.30am on June 27.

West Midlands Ambuwest Miniants Amout-lance service spokesman Claire Brown said: "The man in his 40s was out from underneath the van on our arrival. He was trapped mo-mentarily and was suffering from chest and abdomen pain and a suspected frac-tured shoulder."

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Dog-friendly gardens with something for everyone

Can you happily share your gar-den with your dog? As designer Paul Hervey-Brookes prepares his Hampton Court Flower Show garden, A Dog's Life, he offers tips on how to create a garden that dogs and their owners can enjoy

AWARD-WINNING garden designer Paul Hervey-Brookes has three dogs – two Spaniels, Honey and Arthur and a Japanese Chin called Nina – none of whom have yet trashed his beautiful garden in the Cotswolds.

But then Hervey-Brookes is confident that you can easily charge representations.

But then Hervey-Brookes is easily share your space with your pooches without having them dig up the lawn or eat your prized flowers.

His show garden, A Dog's Life, for this year's Hampton Court Flower Show should give owners food for thought.

Features include sniffer

Court Flower Show should give owners food for thought.

Features include sniffer tracks weaving through the herbaceous borders for dogs to forage and sniff out treats, a woodland area which incorporates a ramp over a raised wall for agility, while leaf litter areas within the planting allows dogs to dig and scratch.

"Arthur is a bit more boisterous than the other two and likes to run around and run through things, which is what gave us the idea of making these little weaving paths," Hervey-Brookes explains.

"The damage that was happening was accidental, because of his excitement, so we looked at how we could accommodate that in a way that keeps the garden looking attractive, not ruined."

Honey likes rolling around in the gravel or on grass, while Nina enjoys foraging for little chews and treats which her master leaves hidden for her to find in the garden.

"She'd find them and chew and have a little sleep.

which her master leaves hidden for her to find in the garden.

"She'd find them and chew and have a little sleep, just to help calm her down. We used a lot of planting in the garden which has that calming quality, like lavender, so that going out for a walk became much more of a place where they run and bound. Going into the garden is much more gentle exercise. There's a bit of training there."

His dogs have been trained to do their business at a particular point on a grayel path, which makes it easier.

particular point on a gravel path, which makes it easier to clean up.



Amateur gardeners could make raised beds incorporat-ing tunnels under them, so their dogs have things to run

"As long as that inquisitive characteristic is being channelled, the chances are they're not going to get bored and just dig in one place.
"Dogs don't destructively

"Dogs don't destructively dig things up just for the sake of it. If a foliage is scented, they might rub up against it or have a little nibble, but nine times out of 10 that's as

far as it goes.

"It's about thinking sensibly. If you've got alliums which are a bit fragile, don't plant them right at the front of the border, let them grow through something like a woody shrub, so there's less risk of damage."

Retain a good structural backbone of shrubs, which will keep the garden looking neat all year round, he advises.

advises.

"Use robust, hard-working perennials which are going to have a long season of interest and don't mind taking the odd knock. There's no point using very delicate plants which your pet might damage because you're just going to get cross with the dog.

"We plant agastache because it's self-supporting, with robust foliage and a lot of flower for a long season, monarda and alchemilla, as opposed to using things like delicate aquilegia which won't stand up to a garden being used."

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Avoid anything poisonous – a list from The Dogs Trust (www.dogstrust.org.uk) is available online – like foxglove, holly (the berries are poisonous), and achillea (the foliage is poisonous to dogs).

The trust, which is sponsoring Hervey-Brookes' show garden at Hampton Court, also suggests owners regularly check for any gaps that their dog can wriggle through.

A variety of textures in your garden can provide extra sensory stimulation - this could be non-toxic sand, grass, wood chippings or gravel, all of which provide interesting places to hide dog toys and treats and for your dog to explore.

RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show runs from July 5-10. For details, visit www.rhs.org.uk



Beautiful perennial has many attractive varieties BEST OF THE BUNCH - Verbena OF course, the beautiful perennial Verbena bonariensis is a must for its delicate 'seethrough' character and height without weight, giving value to a sunny border or in gravel. But the low-growing tender perennial verbena, usually grown as an annual, is also featured prominently in baskets and pots. Add

bena, usually grown as an annual, is also lear-tured prominently in baskets and pots. Add organic matter to the soil before planting, deadhead regularly and water in dry weather. Trailing varieties in the Cascade Series have small bloom clusters in shades of purple, blue, pink, red and white, while the Tapien series has larger, rounded flower clusters. Try V. 'Sissing-hurst', with its large round clusters of magen-

ta-pink flowers.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT – Perpetual spinach GOOD ENOUGH 10 EAI - Perpetual spinator.
THIS healthy green leaf can give you spinach all
year round, although it tastes slightly different
to 'real' spinach - a bit like Swiss chard - and
the leaves are shinier and a bit tougher.

It can be sown from April to July thinly in

rows where you want the plant to crop. Space seedlings by thinning to 15cm (6in) apart with 30cm between rows. Keep plants well watered

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

1. Prune shrubs including chaenomeles, deutzia, philadelphus, weigela and spiraea as soon as they have finished flowering.

2. Use markers to indicate the location of bulb clumps if you are planning to do any major planting later this year.

3. Thin out any hardy annuals that are still too closely packed.

4. Trim herbaceous geraniums using a pair of shears to remove faded flowers, helping the plants to remain bushy and, in many cases, produce a second flush of flowers later in the sum-

duce a second flush of flowers later in the summer or early autumn.

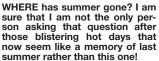
5. Continue to pinch out shoot tips on summer bedding to help the plants remain bushy and not

become straggly.

6. Use edging shears to neaten up lawn edges once a week and throw the trimmings onto the compost heap.

Flowering trees are the stars of summertime

ROSS **UNDERWOOD**



now seem like a memory of last summer rather than this one! As we approach the longest day our gardens are running at full speed ahead and as well as the roses and her-baceous plants doing their stuff there

and and a well as well as the loses and herbaceous plants doing their stuff there are some superb flowering trees.

You might not see them in every garden but if you have space they are worth seeking out or if you don't have room then go and see them at a garden or arboretum while they last.

My premier choice of summer flowering tree is Magnolia obovata (syn hypoleuca) which is an extremely handsome and graceful tree which hails from Japan. It grows in moist soils in and at the edge of woodland.

The young shoots have a purplish tinge when they emerge and the very large leaves are held at the end of the shoots.

It is a tree worth growing for the leaves alone but the real wow are the flowers which are large; up to 20cm across; creamy white with a central boss of crimson stamens and very fragrant.

The smell is like a mixture of honey and

mens and very fragrant.

The smell is like a mixture of honey and gardenias and on a still evening with a little warmth and moisture the scent can carry a

Spreading

Japan and Korea are also host to another stunning summer Magnolia. Magnolia sie-boldii which is more of a spreading shrub that produces nodding white flowers like an

upturned teacup.

The flowers can appear from May to August though it depends on the summer but the fruit clusters which are bright red are

if I have chosen two magnolias from Asia then I have to choose one from America though not just for balance. Magnolia macrophylla would make it onto anybody's top ten list.

Coming from the south eastern USA it Coming from the south eastern USA it has perhaps the largest leaves of any deciduous plant that is hardy in the UK. These leaves can often exceed two feet in length, are somewhat glaucous beneath and need a little protection from the wind as they can tear. The flowers are like upright white candles marked with purple at the base and carry a spicy fragrance.

Stewartia is a genus of trees which produce camellia like flowers in summer. They prefer acid soil and although they like their tops in the sun they like their roots in the shade. Individually the flowers last only a short time, falling like snow beneath the tree.

The flowers are produced in succession giving a longevity of interest. Added to



Styrax Japonicus is an exceptionally fragrant small tree with dainty flowers hanging under the branches



The graceful Magnolia Obvata hails from Japan



Stewartia pseudocamellia is best for general planting

which the autumn colour can be spectacular and the bark which flakes in an interesting pattern gives winter interest. This is a good all rounder for many gardens. S. pseudocamellia is usually the one that is encountered by most visitors to the nursery or garden or whose visions to the interery or garden centre and is perhaps the best for general planting though if you come across the Koreana Group then you should buy it as it is an improvement over the straight species in

many ways.
Whereas Stewartia is not fragrant, Styrax japonicus is exceptionally fragrant small tree which often has a semi pendant

habit adding an extra element of grace. habit adding an extra element of grace. Not that this plant needs too much help to look graceful. The clusters of bell shaped white flowers with prominent yellow anthers which hang on the underside of the branches are dainty and the tree is hardy. It is best planted where it can be admired close up or better still where you can look up into the flowers. There are a number of purple leaved cultivars which can be found at the more specialist nurseries including 'Purple Dress'. The flowers on many of these are tinged pink which only adds to these are tinged pink which only adds to their charm.

Finally, spare a thought for those opening their gardens for the NGS. The yellow book scheme raises huge amounts of money for very worthwhile charities and the gardeners who open their gardens work very hard. Whatever the weather I would urge anybody to go out and support a garden which is open for charity, for whatever charity. Indeed a visit in adverse weather can be extremely instructive as the better the garden the better it stands up to scrutiny even in the rain.

You might even encounter some of these wonderful summer flowering trees!

Carer falsely claimed £15,000 in benefits

Mayor's boost for charities



The two mayors and their wives with charity representatives after Councillor Waltho, centre left, raised a record £55,000 for his charities

THE Mayor of Dudley has hosted the hand over more than \$55,000 to his predecessor's charities.
Current Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Mohammed Hanif, invited Councillor Steve Waltho, mayor 2015-16, back to the mayor's office, along with his chosen five charities.

2015-16, back to the mayor's office, along with his chosen five charities, to receive the record-breaking fundraising total.

Representatives from The Hope Centre, The What? Centre, More Mascots Please, Leukaemia Unit Appeal Fund, Russells Hall and The West Midlands Lupus Group all received cheques of £10,400.

There was an additional £3,500 for the Lupus Group raised by runners in the London Marathon.
Councillor Steve Waltho, said:
"My wife, Jayne, and I take great satisfaction that five wonderful charities are to substantially benefit. These overapisations will incharities are to substantially ben-efit. These organisations will in turn benefit many disadvantaged or poorly people. I would like to give luge thanks to our voluntary fund-raiser, Sue Randle, and to Sophie Byatt from Castle & Crystal Credit Union for managing our online do-nation account. I would also like to thank the mayoral support staff."

A WOMAN who claimed nearly £15,000 in disability benefits while working as a carer for disabled people is facing 200 hours

unpaid community work.
But benefits cheat Pamela Green of Field Road, Dudley, has been spared a

prison sentence.

Green claimed she could barely walk, needed assistance with her daily chores and help to get in and out of the

bath.

But over a four-year period the 47-yearold pocketed a total of £14,749 after failing
to inform the The Department for Work
and Pensions (DWP) that her health had
improved, Wolverhampton Crown Court
was told.

The benefits claim made by Green had
initially hom comming offer informing the

initially been genuine after informing the department about her major mobility problems. But she failed to notify them when

her condition improved.

Her dishonesty was discovered when information was sent to the department reporting that she was working in the care industry – giving assistance to people with disabilities.

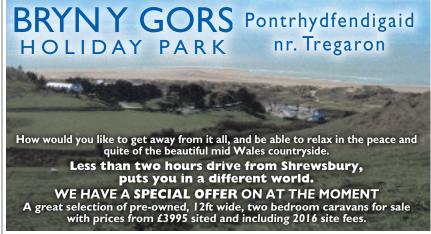
Physical

Mr Charles Hamer, prosecuting, said the company that employed her thought she was a 'good, hard working' member of the team and that her work was 'obviously of a physical nature'. Her bosses were com-pletely unaware that she had any difficul-

pletely unaware that she had any difficulties dealing with the work.

Green admitted failing to notify the DWP of a change in her circumstances and she was placed on supervision for two years. She was told by Judge Amjad Nawaz that she must complete 200 hours unpaid work and was ordered to pay £250 costs.

Green explained that she had pressing financial problems at the time. She said: "I know I should have told them things had changed."



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- Roof, windows, gutters,
- Heating and hot water

The duty on landlords to carry out repairs only arises once you have reported the problems. You should always keep records where possible to ensure you can prove when the disrepair was reported.

If despite these reports your landlord still fails to carry out your works in a reasonable time, they may be acting in breach of their legal duty and you can bring a claim against them.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you have reported your complaint to your landlord and they have failed to carry out repairs, we can help you by arranging an inspection by a surveyor and seeking a Court Order forcing your landlord to do the works.

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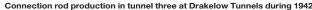
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Going underground — to help RAF win the battle for the skies

IT was the cold nights that my grandmother most often recalled about her time working at by Jamie Brassington Drakelow Tunnels.

Her day would start early at 5am, having to catch the train and bus to the underground military complex, before returning home late at night.

nome rate at fight.

Florence Brassington was around 22 when she started working at Drakelow, and was among hundreds of workers based there. The site beneath the countryside near Kinver was at the time top secret. Drakelow Kinver was at the time top secret. Drakelow Tunnels were built in the 1940s by the Government and run by Rover to manufacture aircraft parts to supply Britain's war effort during the Second World War It was spread across miles of tunnels deep underneath countryside that is now Kingsford Country Park, between Stourbridge and Kidderminster.

As it was so secretive, there were no photographs taken of Florence while she worked at the factory. My father. Paul

vorked at the factory. My father, Paul

Brassington, said: "It used to come as a shock to me when I would ask her, as a young lad, what she did in the war.

"She said she used to work in an underground factory making aircraft components. I kept asking where it was and I asked her to show me one day when we went there.

"She took me to the edge of some sand-stone rocks, which were heavily overgrown, and she said this is the entrance where we all used to go in. It seemed hard to comprehend behind that entrance there was miles and miles of tunnels.

hend behind that entrance there was miles and miles of tunnels.

"She used to recall starting really early in the day and had to walk along country lanes when it was pitch black. She longed for the nights when it was crisp and frosty. She said the sky would be really clear and you could see the stars twinkling and shooting stars flying across the sky."

Her journey to work began by walking

around a mile from her home in Laurei Road, Dudley, to Dudley Port railway sta-tion. From there she travelled to Kidder-minster and caught a bus for the workers.

"She would say the tunnels seemed to go on for ever. It was all brightly lit by fluores-cent lamps which made it look like daylight inside."

Engines

Engines

The construction of Drakelow Tunnels began in June 1941. It was initially planned to house a shadow company for the Rover car company in Birmingham, which at the time was manufacturing engines for Bristol Aeroplane Company, originally the British and Colonial Aeroplane Company.

The factory was called Drakelow Underground Dispersal Factory, and on completion covered around 250,000 sq ft, with tunnels that spanned for three-and-a-half miles. The complex was designed by Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners and was estimated to cost £285,000. However, that fig-

mated to cost £285,000. However, that figure went on to exceed £1 million.

May 1943. Inside were dormitories, a radio studio, workshops, offices, toilets, electrical equipment and a communications facility with telephones.

The manufacturing was split into two main areas, where the aircraft parts were made and then polished to high specifica-

"I asked mom, was it dull and tedious working there?" Paul recalled. "She said 'yes', but there was a war going on and it was part of the war effort for our country to survive. They supplied her with aprons, as she was a machinist, to stop the splashing of chemicals."

Up to 700 people were said to work at the

Op to 700 people were said to work at the factory, mostly women as men were fighting in the war. They worked hours 10-hour shifts, starting at 7.30am.

Drakelow Tunnels were later converted into a Cold War nuclear bunker but were de-commissioned and sold by the Government in 1002

ment in 1993.
Florence passed away in 2010, aged 89.



18-year-old Florence Brassington

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Mural unveiled as part of chainmaker festival

Dudley Council's cabinet member for environmental services, Councillor Hilary Bills said the event had been a fantastic celebration of what

HUNDREDS of people gathered in Cradley Heath to mark a landmark event in the history of equal rights.

The annual Chainmakers Festival took over High Street in the town on Saturday. It commemorated the 1910 Women Chainmakers' Strike led by Labour MP Mary Macarthur and the women of Cradley Heath. A mural that marks the landmark strike along with the town's significant buildings and personalities, painted by local artists Maren Lilley, was also unveiled beside the bypass at the Fox Oak Street Business Units as part of the event.

Market stalls, fairground rides, live music, dance and speeches took place.

Mary Macarthur and the women ac-tually made their stand.
"It is growing every year, espe-cially since we took it back to Crad-ley Heath. I bumped into quite a few people who said 'my grandmother or great-grandmother was a chain-

The strike was pivotal in labour history and development of the min



Artist Maren Lillev beside the mural she has created in Cradlev Heath, unveiled at the weekend festival

Bosses call for swift action after Brexit

BLACK Country Chamber of Commerce has called for swift, decisive and co-ordinated action in the wake Britain voting out of the European Union.

Dr Adam Marshall, acting director general of the chamber, said: "In the wake of the electorate's historic decision to leave the European Union, the immediate priorities for UK business are market stability and political clarity.

"Some businesspeople will be pleased with the result, and others resigned to it. Yet all companies will expect swift, decisive, and co-ordinated action from the Government and the Bank of England to stabilise markets if trading conditions, or the availability of capital, change dramatically.

"Business will also want to see a detailed plan to sup-port the economy during the coming transition period

- as confidence, investment, hiring and growth would all be deeply affected by a prolonged period of uncertainty. "If ever there were a time to ditch the straight-jacket of fiscal rules for investment in a better business infrastructure, this is it.

Solicitors forced to shut after 41 years

down after 41 years as its partners face a disciplinary tribunal over their involvement in a collapsed overseas investment scheme.

The partners at Sanders & Co, in Hagley Road, say they are "bitterly disappointed" but have been forced to stop trading because of a dispute with their professional indemnity insurers.

The firm shut up shop on Thursday after 41 years, and

can no longer take any work or continue to act for clients.

It comes as four solicitors at the firm face prosecution before the Solicitors Disci-plinary Tribunal.

plinary Tribunal.
Following a referral to
the tribunal from the Solicitors Regulatory Authority
earlier this year managing partner Clare Taman,
Michael Davies, Charles
Fraser-Macanamara and
his daughter Katherine all now face a five-day hearing in London in October.

Allegations

The SRA said the allegations are, as yet, unproven but the tribunal has certi-fied that there is a case to

answer.

The tribunal has the power to issue unlimited fines, suspend a solicitor or even strike them off.

The allegation is that the firm had acted for a client "in relation to a complex overseas investment scheme overseas investment scheme and concurrently for in-dividuals who invested in the scheme," in a situation where there was a conflict, or significant risk of a con-flict, in a situation where there was a conflict, or a significant risk of a conflict of interest between the in of interests between the in-dividual investors and "the interests of the firm and an individual".

It is understood the alle-It is understood the alle-gations surround involve-ment with the EcoHouse Developments scheme to build social housing in Bra-zil, which collapsed in 2014 owing investors more than £20 million.

By Simon Penfold

Clare Taman and Michael Davies also faces allegations that they involved themselves and the firm "in a complex overseas invest-ment scheme that was out-side her or the firm's area of expertise and experience where there was no legiti-mate need for the involvement of a firm of solicitors; and permitted payments into and transfers or with-drawals from, the firm's client account which were not related to an underlying legal transaction or a service forming part of (their nor-

mal regulated activities."
The SRA said the tribu-nal "will reach its own de-cision after considering all the evidence, including any evidence put forward by the solicitor

solicitor".

Sanders & Co says in a statement on its website that its closure "is directly attributable to a dispute with our professional indemnity insurers".

Wills are being transferred to Cradley Heath law

ferred to Cradley Heath law firm George Green Solici-tors for safekeeping. Deeds will be returned to clients "as soon as possible". In a statement the firm

added: "The partners at Sanders & Co are bitterly disappointed at this turn of events but unfortunately do not have the resources to continue any further litigation with its insurers therefore the closure is un-avoidable."

Choir's £1k for centre

A PERFORMANCE by a choir in Stourbridge raised more than £1,000 for a centre that supports disabled children and their families.

The Stourbridge Rock Choir performed at Kids Orchard Centre in Lye on June 10 as part of the centre's sum

The funds raised will go to helping the centre which provides support to disabled children, young people and their families across the Dudley borough.



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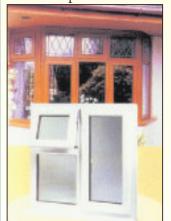




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With fairs to comedy nights, sporting events to historic tours, there's a huge variety of events on offer this month.

month.

Organisers Steve Edwards and James Stevens are once again be at the helm of this Black Country extravaganza, and highlight that there is plenty to celebrate about the region, while also having a good time.

James said: "The Black Country is all about community, pride and having

fun. Its people are the salt of the earth, we are full of pride for our historic region and the festival allows us all to come together showcase everything that is great about the Black Country."

Industry

In particular he is keen to once again bring the focus on the vital role the region had, and still has, to industry in the UK and abroad.

"The Industrial Revolution made the Black Country what it is today. It was the engine room of the world, everything was either made here or invented here.

"But there is a common misconception that industry in the Black Country is no more. So we need to once again shout about Black Country in-

"I see so many business logos that incorporate the Black Country Flag and it is amazing. I saw a transport company the other day and the slogan was "Yow mek it, We tek it" with The Black Country Flag logo above it.

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well over 500 events.

Check out what's happening, below, in our part of the Black Country including a day of family fun in Dudley town centre on July 16.

JULY 9: Noon to 4pm – Wordsley Festival will be at King George V park.

JULY 9: Noon to 4pm – Gornal fun day at the Recreation Ground in The Quarry Vale Street.

JULY 9: 9.30am to 4pm – The Black Country Fayre organised by the Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club takes place in Somers Square with great food, entertainment and stalls.

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JULY 9: 9am to 5pm - Netherton

JULY 9: 93m to 5pm - Netherton Park Fun day. JULY 9: 7.30pm - Black Country chamber choir Colla Voce perform classical choral music with a profes-

classical choral music with a professional chamber orchestra and baritone soloist at St Michael's Church in Brierley Hill. Tickets £10 on the door.

JULY 9: 10.30am to 4pm – What's at the Top? Community Open Event at Top Church, Dudley, to explore new options for St Thomas & St Lukes. It will be a fun day for the family where you can meet a bird of prey and learn about craft skill.

JULY 10: 1pm to 5pm – Brockmoor and Pensnett Black Country Fun Day at the Dell Stadium.

JULY 14: 10.30am or 1pm – Tour of the new White House Cone at the Museum of Glass, Wordsley. Booking

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Museum of Glass, Wordsley. Booking essential. £5.75 per person.
JULY 15: Dudley Canal Trust celebrates Black Country Day with 45 minute tunnel trips just 50p between 4pm to 7pm.
JULY 16: From 11am – thousands of people will be heading to Dudley for





Music is prominent in the festival The focus is on fun for children too



Cheers - getting ready for the first Dudley Beer Festival at Brierley Hill Civic Hall special events in Stone Street Square. JULY 16: Black Country Beer Day 2016. Organised by CAMRA. Contact 1954steve.thompson@blueyonder.

JULY 18: The Worcester Senior Cup which will see Stourbridge FC take on Kidderminster Harriers FC at the War Memorial Athletic Ground, Amblecote.

JULY 23: Dudley Town FC versus

Worcester City FC at The Dell Sta-

JULY 29 to 30: SHOUT! is a fun. fab and frivolous show with girl singer hits from the 60s at Rowley Regis Learning Campus. Tickets are £12 and available

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JULY 29 to 31: The festival closes
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SOMETIMES it's nice to buy an antique just because it's a talking point - and these are the kind of vintage items that look good displayed in a sitting room, dining room or hallway where all of your visitors will spot it!

I'm not talking suits of armour (although, of course, this is possible, albeit reproduction), I mean any kind of item that interests people.

This can be anything from a framed set of old ciga-

rette cards to some Beatles memorabilia, from a pith helmet to a 1930s radio.

People often buy pieces at auction because they are simply talking points: a Victorian rocking horse, a very unusual piece of furniture, an architectural item that

came from a unique property.

Even items such as an old-fashioned telephone, pieces of vintage glass, those lovely 1930s 'piano babies', all provide a focal point for conversation and can actually set the tone of a room.

And if you buy one unusual item, chances are you will buy more of the same – thereby creating a theme.

If you buy a vintage telephone for display on a desk

in a home office, for example, it might be nice to add an old typewriter or even something more elaborate such as a 1950s mini-switchboard.



I've also seen a fabulous collection of old model cars gathered together on an office coffee table, they looked really good and each one had been bought for a specific reason, a replica of a 'first car', a 'dream car' or a movie favour-

Rocking horses are often bought by adults to stand in various rooms around the home - and other children's toys are popu-

lar for bedrooms.

China dolls may look a bit spooky with their wide glass eyes but they often appear sitting prettily on a bedroom cupboard, as do vintage teddy bears and gol-

These talking points can range from the sublime, such as a replica model of a Roman senator to the downright strange . . . I have seen a coffee table made from a glass case containing a small stuffed shark!

And for the more traditional coffee table, you could have on display some interesting vintage books, such as the first edition of a classic, even a signed copy of the same, or one that is of particular significance – a while ago we sold a copy of Charlotte Bronte's novel Villette, attributed to her original pen name Currer Bell.

You don't have to spend a fortune, stick to a budget but make your home unique with a few vintage addi-

Perry and Phillips Auctioneers holds sales of antiques and collectables on the first Tuesday of each month. Valuation days, for sale items only, are held every Wednesday at the Mill Street saleroom, in Low Town, Bridgnorth, from 10am until 4pm.

Everyone can be a beach babe this summer



THIS week I went into a BHS store, it was incredibly sad, another of our high street shops closing, already the fixtures and fittings being removed and the clothing stock hanging on moveable rails, sale signs adorning every widely credible.

available space.

As I browsed the varied reduced price garments I came across a range of swimwear that really caught my eye. Bright marine blues and greens, stripes, zigzags and plains, high-lighted with white and black contrast, items

lighted with white and black contrast, items that mixed and matched beautifully.

Swimwear today is so practical, its styling moving back in time to our grandmother's era, less tiny triangle bikinis and more tanknis, full swimsuits and swimming skirts and shorts. These particular items were a lovely soft lyera, fully lined and with support in all the right areas. I would be covering my body from just halow shoulder to my third and at from just below shoulder to my thigh and at from just below shoulder to my thigh and at very little cost, suddenly the prospect of a summer holiday by the pool seemed more inviting.....our men however are back to wearing the trendiest of Speedos, not always the best choice, but definitely the swimwear of now. Look on their site www.speedo.co.uk to **FOCUS**

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see more about the amazing technology field in a small pair of trunks.

In the early part of the 20th century costumes were made of wool, heavy, 'expanding' and uncomfortable when wet, bathing shoes completed the ensemble. The changing cabin completed the ensemble. The changing cabin would be dragged onto the beach so, once changed, the swimmer was not far from the water and therefore protected their dignity. Prior to the 1930s our swimwear would have been knitted at home, however professional swimmers found silk suits a lighter option and then when rayon was invented it was the beginning of fabric technology changing what we wore when indulging in the varied watersports and beach pastimes. The bikini was designed in 1946 by Louis Reard (named after Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific where atomic bomb testing had taken place) atomic bomb testing had taken place)

In the 1950s swimming costumes were worn as part of the 'Beauty Contest' stages, from Butlins holidays to the high profile 'Miss World' on television, showing off the shapely figure of the contestant, no longer something we find fashionable. As a child, in the early 60s, I remember my friend wearing a swimming costume crocheted by her mother, I thankfully had a blue nylon shirred fabric number with frills on the edges.

Costumes with UV protection from the sun are now available to help protect us from

sun are now available to help protect us from those dangerous rays. We can buy compres-sion items to aid in the recovery of our mus-cles after exercise and we can add full areas of support to improve our shape with excellent stretch and contouring. Quick drying and chlorine resistant is also standard in today's garments.

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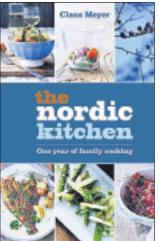


Claus Mever is now living in New York



Fish cakes with tartare sauce is one of the recipes in the new book

No nonsense from top Nordic food champion



The book, priced £25, is available now

FRESH from an appearance on By Ella Walker Saturday Kitchen, Claus Meyer is in a sea-blue three-piece suit and has spent the morning chopping up a raw inner-thigh of beef to make beetroot tartar with horseradish.

The restaurateur, businessman and

the restaurateur, businessman and chef is what you'd call supremely Nordic – from his no-nonsense attitude, to his chiselled, Viking cheekbones.
That and the fact he spearheaded the Nordic cuisine food movement and cofounded Noma, widely considered the best restaurant in the world.

restaurant in the world.

"It's difficult to compare anything with Noma." he muses, "but it wasn't my achievement alone, I had a very good chef and friend and partner with me down the road in Rene [Redzepi], and he grew a lot through the project. He was an unknown chef when we started, now he's the most known chef in the whole world."

Noma sent Meyer stratospheric in the world of food, while driving the New Nordic Cuisine movement, and developing a manifesto for it in 2004 saw him define and develop a whole new way of thinking about and working with food in Denmark, focusing on simplicity, seasonality and freshness.

"Not only did we launch the Nordic Cuisine," he says proudly, "we also launched the concept of any region having the potential – not only the right – but also the possibility, to suddenly capture the moment." However, Meyer's personal ideas on food, and his recipes for home cooks, have only just become available in the UK.

When he first worde The Nordic Kitchen.

Just become available in the UK.
When he first wrote The Nordic Kitchen,
it was at a time where, he explains, having
launched Noma and Nordic Cuisine, he
"wanted to translate all the culinary ideas
and bring them into a home cooking con-

Dressing

Meyer can seem severe, and the recipes spare, but, he says: "I consider my food, or any food, like a draft – people should not be afraid to change the recipes slightly, and they should definitely season it so it works for them. Seasoning food is very important, chopping up things and putting them in a salad bowl is so easy, but getting the dressing right? It's so important."

Roughly 10 months ago, the 52-year-old moved with his wife, three daughters and two dogs to New York, and although he's "not missing Denmark as much as I would have expected", his new project is perhaps

his most ambitious to date. The plan is to open a Nordic brasserie and food hall in Manhattan's Grand Central Terminal.

"It's one thing speaking about a project, inventing it, financing it and looking at all the details, but when it starts becoming an operation that runs all day long, all year long, it's a different animal," Meyer explains.

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long, it's a different animal," Meyer explains.

"So I'm really scared – but I'm also looking forward to get into it. I'm tired of planning and designing it, spending 20 million US dollars getting it up and running, I just want to see that animal.

"It's like training a racehorse: you're in the training field for years, and you want that horse to run."

As you'd imagine, he gets very few days off, but when he does, Meyer says: "I play tennis and do sport with my girls, I read a little bit, I try and discover New York. But besides cooking, running this show, being there for the family, being present, whether that means making an ice-cream with the does in the park, watching a nice film in between those very, very down-to-earth, in between those very, very down-to-earth, basic family things, like taking a long breakfast together on a Sunday morning, there is not much time.
"Having brunch is not a passion, but you have to have that in your life somewhere."

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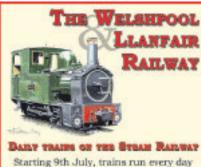
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Matt Cardle



Monday, 7pm The Glee Club, B'ham The 33-year-old X Factor 2010 winner from Southampton is now a veteran of three albums, defining himself as a songwriter as well as singer. See www.glee.co.uk/venues/birming

Mostly Jazz, Funk & Soul Festival



Friday to Sunday Moseley Park, Birmingham Actor and DJ Craig Charles (pictured) is among a funktastic line-up includ-ing George Clinton with Parliament Funkadelic, De La Soul, Grandmaster Flash, Average White Band and more, See mostlyjazz.co.uk

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Musical Youth Theatre Stafford: Bugsy Malone
Tonight at 7.30pm, Tomorrow at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre.

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farms, rooftops, beaches and back
gardens, but this will be the first
time we've played in a forest," said
the 38-year-old Keighley-born singer,

who is the most successful judge on TV's The Voice. Kaiser Chiefs are currently working on album number six, while new single Parachute is out on October 7.

on October 7.

Support for the KCs' gig on Sunday comes from Vitamin and Spring King with the concert from 7pm being the last of three sold-out events in the forest this weekend.

Singer-songwriter James Bay is tomorrow night's (Friday) headline

act. Fans of the 2016 Brit Award Best Male Artist will be able to hear tracks from top-selling album Chaos and the Calm, including Hold Back The River.

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Support by the trio Joseph at 7.45pm.
Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott
are Saturday's main attraction with
songs from second album Wisdom,
Laughter and Lines, as well as favourites from The Beautiful South. Support comes from Devlin Brothers (6.50pm) followed by Leisure Society.



Doreen has a Grand plan

BLACK Country comedy character Doreen Tipton is likely to give her thoughts on how to sort out Brexit Britain with her shows at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, July 13 and 14.

Following the EU Referendum, Doreen has broken into the world of politics with hilarious consequences via her own political broadcast, that has become an online hit.

As leader of the Yam Yam Party she has decided to stand up for the 'little folk' now the 'un-erected bureauprats' have left the Black Country 'without a paddle'.

She talks about how the vote has hit the markets – mainly Bilston and Brierley Hill markets – and how it has alienated young people 'after a quarter of them got out of bed to vote'. Her party has three pledges – to never lie, use no confusing statistics and sort out immigration by building a wall around the Black Country to keep out the Brummies.

Following on from the success of Doreen: The Movie and now her own online TV channel – Doreen TV – the character, created by actress Gill Jordan and writer David Tristram, has been selling out venues from Bewdley to Brum on her Grand Night Out tour.

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been selling out venues from Bewdley to Brum on her Grand Night Out tour.

With a mixture of satirical stand-up (or sit-down, when she needs a rest), music and video surprises, Doreen will assess the state of the nation as only she can. The show is recom-mended for over-15s and tickets cost from £11.50 to £16.50. See www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 429212.

Falstaff opera will end CBSO season

THE City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra finishes its lat-

phony Orchestra finishes its latest season with a performance of Verdi's comic opera Falstaff.

The concert in Symphony Hall, Birmingham, is on Wednesday, July 13 at 7pm. Tickets are £21 to £48 for the concert in which the CBSO is joined by singer Ambrogio Maestri in the title role and the CBSO Chorus.

It is being sung in Italian.

Meanwhile, the Music For
Youth National Festival continues in and around the Symphony ues in and around the Sympnony Hall. Hear music all day by brass and wind bands today (Thurs-day) and tomorrow, including Cannock Performing Arts Cen-tre Wind Band on Friday.

Showcase stage for young dance talent

STUDENTS at the Elmhurst STUDENTS at the Elmnurst School of Dance, the associate ballet school to Birmingham Royal Ballet, will be performing a Summer show at Birmingham Rep on July 14, 15 and 16.

Rep on July 14, 15 and 16.
Performed in association with
Birmingham Royal Ballet, Summer Syncopation will showcase
the talents of students aged 11
to 19 years from the school in
Edgbaston.
Performances embrace a
range of dance styles from clas-

range of dance styles from classical to hip hop via flamenco and jazz. It will include one-act ballet Elite Syncopations by Kenneth MacMillan. For tickets visit birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Scott tops bill at songwriter festival

SINGER-SONGWRITER Scott Matthews headlines a mini-fes-

Matthews headlines a mini-fes-tival in his home city on Satur-day, at the Banstock Songwrit-er's Garden party. From 4 to 10pm Bantock Park, on Finchfield Road, Wol-verhampton, will host an im-pressive line-up of talented musicians musicians.

The event starts with Sharo-The event starts with Sharo-dene and continues with Gary O'Dea, Saltflat, Ryan Evans, Under A Banner, Alex Ohm, Terry & Gerry, with Matthews – who has released four studio al-bums – taking the stage at 9pm. For tickets see www.wolves civic.co.uk or call 0870 320 7000

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Santiago Cabrera

The Musketeers (BBC1, 8.30pm)

The day of reckoning arrives for the swashbuckling heroes, as the murderous Grimaud set in motion a series of savage, coordinated attacks designed to eliminate the Musketeers for good. Despite receiving Grimaud's direct attention, Athos manages to escape with his life, and sets out to warn his comrades they will be next on the hit-list. Meanwhile, Athos finds his affair with Queen Anne in the forefront of his mind as he accompanies King Louis on an annual pilgrimage to mark his royal father's death. Starring Santiago Cabrera, Tom Burke, Thalissa Teixeira, Luke Pasqualino, Tamla Kari, Howard Charles, Matthew McNulty, Rupert Everett, Lukas Juza, Andre Flynn, Hugo Speer and Ryan Gage.

6.00 Brakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather 12.10 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Wirmbledon 2016. Coverage from the All England Club. 5.40 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.
6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Radio 1 and Radio 1 Xtra presenters Clara Amfo, Trevor Nelson, Yasmin Evans, Grey James, Chris Stark, Scott Mills, Dev Griffin and Sarah-Jane Crawford take part in the quiz. (R)

quiz. (H)

The Getaway Car. A father-andson team, a pair of Essex girls, and
two London Underground drivers
are among the competitors hitting
the track in South Africa this week.

7.40 The Natinoal Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws and Lotto results. Last in the series

8.30 The Musketeers. Grimaud set in

series.

8.30 The Musketeers. Grimaud set in motion a series of savage attacks designed to eliminate the Musketeers, and when Athos manages to escape the trap, he set out to warn his comrades.

9.25 Casually. Brian's stray cigarette butt causes a house fire, leaving both Hazel and Rihamna's lives in jeopardy, and Charlie correctly guesses Connie and Jacob are back together.

10.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.35 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A buccaneer and a blacksmith commandeer a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons—and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling lantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey

Swashibushing fairlasy advertible starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davenport and Jonathan Pryce.

12.45 Film: The Resident. (2011) A doctor moves into a spacious new apartment, but realises her landford is departured. dangerously obsessed with her. Horror, starring Hilary Swank, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Christopher Lee. 2.10 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.15 BBC News.

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6.00 Film: The Long Voyage Home. (1940) Drama, starring John Wayne. 7. 45 Film: Flight of the Navigator. (1986) Sci-fl adventure, starring John Voyage. 7. 100 Mirmbledon 2016. The ladies' wheelst singles final. 12.30 Coast. (R) 1.00 Film: Firecreek. (1968) Western, starring James Stewart. 2.40 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.25 Flog It! (R) 4.10 The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) 5.10 Gardeners' World. (R) 5.40 Wimbledon 2016. The men's and ladies' doubles finals.

8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided. Plus, a preview of the men's singles final and action from the day's other finals and semi-finals.

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9.00 The Wipers Times. In the bombed-out ruins of the Belgian town of Ypres in 1916, Captain Fred Roberts and Lieutenant Jack Pearson discover a printing press and decide to start a satirical newspaper to raise the spirits of the British tropps. It proves hugely popular with the men in the trenches – but their superior officers see it as an act of insubordination and subversion and call for a ban. Feature-length factual drama by lan Hislop and Nick Newman, starring Ben Chaplin, Julian Rhinid-Tutt, Michael Palin and Emilia Fox. (R)

10.30 Versailles. When a protest halts construction at the palace, the

u versalites. Writen a protest natis construction at the palaze, the King refuses to let Philippe help and matters escalate, allowing plotters to pose a genuine threat to the young monarch's rule; (R) Inside Versailles.

11.30 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of

11.30 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of day three from Castle Stuart Golf Club in Inverness, where Rickie Fowler is the reigning champion. 12.30 Film: The Big Kahuna. (1999) The rising tension gets to three salesmen as they wait at a hotel to make their pitches to an important potential client. Drama, with Kevin Spacey. 1.55 Film: Down Terrace. (2009) Father-and-son gangsters are released from prison and try to identify the informant in their organisation. Crime comedy, starring real-life father and son Robin and Robert Hill. 3.25 This Is BBC Two.

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan, 6.45 Dino Dan, (R) 6.55 Signed (R)) 6.45 Dino Dan, (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Oddboots, (R) 7.35 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 8.00 Minja6o: Masters of Spinjitzu. (R) 8.25 TV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, Sne Wrote. (§) 11.20 Who's Doing the Dishes? (§) 12.20 IIV Who's Doing the Dishes? (§) 12.20 IIV Who's Doing the Dishes? (§) 12.20 IIV News; Weather 12.30 The Winn's Chow. 1.35 Big Box Little Box. (R) 2.05 Dox Martin. (R) 3.05 Film: The Mirror Crackd. (1980) Miss Marple mystery. Starring Angela Lansbury. 5.10 The Chase. (F) 18. Parisanal Benaraman. Workland

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7.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first ellimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win \$50,000.

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7.45 Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. (2012) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is pulled out of his comfortable life when Gandalf the wizard volunteers him for a dangerous quest. He joins a party of dwarves who are on a mission to reclaim their lost homeland, which has been taken over by a dragon. The first part of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy based on JRR Tolken's novel, starring Martin Freeman, lan MoKellen and hichard Armitage.

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11.10Film: Carry On Matron. (1972) A gang of crooks tries to infiltrate a matemity hospital planning to steat the stock of contraceptive pills. Cornedy, starring \$51 dames.

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12.50 Jackport247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

3.00 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica is taken hostage. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

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6.00 Mobil 1 The Grid. 6.25 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. 6.55 Nic Hamilton's Racing Dream. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.55 The Morning Line. 9.55 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. The 10th round of the season continues. 11.05 The Superhumans Show. 11.35 Salvage SOS. 12.00 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. 5.30 Channel 4 News. 6.00 Googlesprops. Young Tyviewers

6.00 Gogglesprogs. Young TV viewers watch a range of programmes, from entertainment shows to documentaries and classic films as well as up-to-the-minute news reports. In this instalment, the youngsters offer their honest and hilarious views on Call the Midwife, The Voice UK and The Wizard of Oz. (R)

Midwife, The Voice UK and The Wizard of Oz. (R)
7.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) A rekless slacker joins the Navy, hoping to win the respect of his girlfriend's father, a stern admiral. He and his shipmates are put to the ultimate test as part of a force of vessels that must battle an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Soi-Fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard.
9.36 Film: Ted. (2012) A lonely boy makes a wish at Christmas that his teddy bear will come to life, which is magically granted. The boy grows up to become a directionless slacker, with the foulmouthed living toy still his inseparable friend — but his girlfriend thinks it is time for him to grow up. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis, directed by and featuring the voice of Seth MacFarlane.

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6.00 Milkshakel 8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turdes. (R) 9.00 The Saturday Show Live. 11.10 Police Interceptors: Takedown, (R) 11.40 Police Interceptors. Takedown, (R) 11.40 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.40 Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starting Charlton Heston. 3.00 Film: Rio Lobo. (1970) Howard Hawke. Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero. 5.16 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

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6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.
Agents Paul and Phil head to Kent
for an eviction, but when they
finally take possession of the
house, they discover a full-scale
cannabis factory upstairs.
Elsewhere, Brian and Delroy chase
a debt of nearly £3,000 in
Hampshire and two agents
attempt to collect almost £5,000
owed by a farmer in Sussex. Plus,
Paul finds himself accused of Paul finds himself accused of racism when he and Steve attempt to evict a Kosovan family living in emergency accommodation in north London. (R)

NCIS: Los Angeles. Callen and Sam unearth links to an al-Qaeda Sam unearth links to an al-Qaeda recruiting agent after a Navy officer dies following a confrontation involving a dancer and a Sudanese emigre at a strip club. (R)

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NCIS. The agents reluctantly team up with the coast guard to investigate the apparent murder of a Navy diver who was trying to recover a sunken ship and its treasure, and Gibbs finds a prime suspect in a wealthy doctor who had bankrolled the underwater mission. Starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.00 NCIS, Gibbs and Bishon travel to Afghanistan in the wake of the murder of a US Marine captain in Washington, DC, and the death is linked to a terror group affiliated with the Taliban.

with the Taliban.
9.55 5 News Weekend.
10.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the
Big Brother contestants as they
react to Friddy night's live eviction,
revealing how another departure
has affected the rest of the house.

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11.05 Gemma Collins: In Therapy. The reality TV star talks to therapist Mandy Saligari in a bid to understand why her celebrity dream has come crashing down. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. 3.10 Big Brother. (R) 4.00 The Secret Life of Kittens. (R) 4.50 Divine Designs. (R)

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BBC Four 7.00 Moominland Tales: The Life of Tove Jansson 8.00 The Last Seabird Summer? 9.00 Film: A Hjiacking (2012) 10.40 T in the Park 2016 1.10 Top of the Pops: 1982 2,30 Ultimate Number 1s at the BBC 3.30

11.50 Ninja Warrior UK 12.50 Film: Baby Mama (2008) 1.50 FI Dialy 1.55 Film: Baby Mama (2008) 2.45 Film: Small Soldiers (1998) 3.45 FI Dialy 3.50 Film: Small Soldiers (1998) 3.45 FI Dialy 3.50 Film: Small Soldiers (1998) 3.60 Film: Scooby-Doo (2002) 6.00 Film: Scooby-Doo (2002) 6.45 Film: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) 7.45 FVI Daily 7.50 Film: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) 9.00 Love Island 10.00 Celebrity Juice: X Factor Special 10.50 Family Guy 12.20 American Dadl 1.20 The Cleveland Show 2.10 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.35 The Hot Desk: DNCE 11.50 Ninia Warrior UK 12.50 Film: Baby World Records 2.35 The Hot Desk: DNCE 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2

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Jury 1.10 City Lights 2.00 ITV3
Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

12.00 Goodwood Festival of Speed 1.00 Tour de France Highlights 2.00 Tour de France Live. Coverage of stage eight of this year's case. 4.30 Storage Wars 6.00 Monster Carp 7.00 Tour de France Highlights 8.00 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) 9.05 FYI Daily 9.10 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) 9.05 FYI Daily 9.10 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) 10.40 Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) 11.40 FYID 11.40 FYID 11.40 FYID 11.40 FYID 11.50 Motorway Patrol 1.00 Tour de France Highlights 2.00 The Wine Show 2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping 12 NO Goodwood Festival of Speed 1 NO

11.00 Rich Kids of Instagram 12.00 New Girl 12.30 The Goldbergs 3.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) 11.30 Gogglebox 1.40 Rude Tube 3.30 The New Normal 4.10 Rude(ish) Tube 4.35 Revenge

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11.00 Bend of the River (1952) 1.00 Spy
Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011)
2.40 Rango (2011) 4.50 Lemony
Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events
(2004) 6.55 The Way Way Back (2013)
9.00 Aliens (1986) 12.00 Alien 3 (1992)
2.15 The Pact (2012) 4.00 Close



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CHOICE



Paul O'Grady

Paul O'Grady's 100 Years of Movie Musicals (Channel 4, 6.30pm)

Paul explores the history of the genre, from its roots in the early 20th century, through its golden era, and up to the multimilliondollar industry it has become. Featuring contributions from James Corden, Michael Ball, Michael York, Joel Grey, Sheila Hancock, Benny Andersson and Scott Baio, and the directors and stars of Les Misérables discuss singing the whole score live on set.

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live.
11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15
Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.45 BBC News;
Weather. 1.00 Wimbledon 2016. 1.50
Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduces
live coverage of the men's singles final at
the All England Club. 5.35 BBC News.
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- 5.50 Regional Programme.
 6.00 Countrylia. Natt Baker helps out with the strawberry harvest in Kent, while Naomi Wilkinson meets a couple who set up their own animal rescue centre and visits Dover to investigate the history of people attempting to swim the English Channel. John Craven meets a farmer growing. Craven meets a farmer growing Chinese vegetables, Adam Henson reports from the Royal Three Counties Show, and Tom Heap nvestigates calls to ban live plant
- 7.00 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. The final MUID: Euro 2016 Live. The final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the showpiece game, which takes place at the Stade de France, as the 24-team tournament draws to a close. The event began in this stadium exactly one month ago, with Didier Deschamps' host nation overcoming Romania 2-1 thanks to a wonder-strike from West Ham United's Dimitri Payet France would top their group and move onto a last-16 encounter with the Republic of Ireland, while Romania were eliminated after finishing bottom of the table following their three matches. Subsequent programmes subject to charge. to change.

10.30 BBC News.

- 10.50 Regional Programme
- 11.00 Live at the Apollo. Andy Parsons hosts the stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith
- 11.45 Film: Flatliners. (1990) Five dangerous experiments to dangerous experiments to discover whether there is an afterlife by electronically inducing a near-deathlike state and then bringing about resuscitation at the critical moment. However, when they venture into real-death experiences, they unwittingly unleash supernatural phenomena linked to their past misdeeds. Theilder with buils pebarte. Thriller, with Julia Roberts

1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.40 BBC News.

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6.10 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) 6.35 Great British Garden Revival. (R) 7.35 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.05 Countryfile. (R) 9.00 Saturday Kitchen 7.39 datteriers world: (1) 6.09 calteriers world: (1) 6.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.30 Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) 11.00 Wimbledon 2016. The men's wheelchair singles final. Sue Barker presents coverage of the inaugural staging of this final at the allengland Club, as the final day of the Grand Slam commences. 12.30 Coast. (R) 1.00 Film: Pollyanna. (1) 960) An orphaned girl tries to spread cheer among the miserable inhabitants of a New England town. Family drama based on Eleanor H Porter's novel, starring Hayley Millis and Jane Wyman. 3.10 Flog Ittle, (R) 4.35 Giraftes: Africa's Gentle Glants – Natural World. (R) 5.35 Wirmbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduced final.) live coverage of the mixed doubles final, the last action of this year's event at the All England Club.

- All England Club.

 8.00 Film: The Help. (2011) An aspiring journalist returns to her Mississippi home in the 1960s and begins documenting the lives of black servants working for wealthy white familles. Her project brings white tamilies. Her project brings the community's household staff together, but creates controversy among their employers. Drama based on Kathryn Stockett's novel starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Bryce Dallas Howard and an Oscar-winning Octavia Spencer.
- 10.20 Mock the Week. Topical comedy quiz show, hosted by Dara O quiz snow, Briain. (R)
- 10.50 Today at Wimbledon. Clare J loday at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided. Plus, a look at the rest of the day's finals, as the famous tournament was brought to a conclusion brought to a conclusion.
- 11.50 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of the fourth and final day from Castle Stuart Golf Club in Inverness, where the successor to last year's winner Rickie Fowler was crowned.
- was crowned.

 12.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile. John
 Craven explores Pembrokeshire's
 boating heritage, while Helen Skelton
 makes a meal out of foraged seaweed
 and meets the people who made an eco
 house from local materials. (8) 1.50
 Holby City, Part two of two. (R) 2.45 This
 Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming
 programmes from BBC Two.

- 6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Oddobos. (R) 7.35 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 8.00 Teen Titans Gol (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 8.25 Countrywise. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 10.55 Judge Rinder. (R) 11.55 ITV News. Weather. 12.00 Rebound. (R) 1.00 The Chase. (R) 2.00 Love Your Garden. (R) 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R)
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 10.45 ITV News; Weather.

 11.00 Sports Life Stories. Sports stars are invited to look back over their lives and achievements. (R)

 12.00 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Straton. (R) 12.50 alexploc427-Viewers get the chance to participate in live elevative somit from the control of extered the example from the example from the example the example from the example fro

Stration. (R) 12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their cofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.00 Motorsport U.K. Highlighten. Text-based information service. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

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6.15 Salvage SOS. 6.40 Salvage SOS. 7.05 The King of Queens. (R) 7.30 The r.us i ne King of Queens. (R) 7.30 The King of Queens. (R) 8.00 Trasier. (R) 8.30 Trasier. (R) 9.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.00 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 10th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 4.00 Location, Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.

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 Channel 4 News.
 Paul O Grady's 100 Years of
 Movie Musicals. Paul explores
 the history of the genre, from its
 roots in the early 20th century,
 through its golden era, and up to
 the multimillion-dollar industry it
 has become. Featuring
 contributions from James Corden,
 Michael Ball, Michael York, Joel
 Grey, Sheila Hancock, Benny
 Andersson and Scott Baio, and the Andersson and Scott Baio, and the directors and stars of Les Misérables discuss singing the whole score live on set
- whole score live on set.

 8.00 Film: Les Miserables. (2012) A former prisoner tries to lead an lonest life in post-revolutionary France, despite being pursued reverse to the set of the se uprising against the reinstated monarchy. Musical, starring Hugh
- 11.05 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 10th round of the season at Silverstone, where Lewis Hamilton was looking to win this race for the fourth time in his 12.10 Film: The Quiet Ones. (2014) A
- 12.10 Film: The Quiet Ones. (2014) A scientist performs experiments on a woman in the hope of manifesting a polltergiest, but the hope of manifesting a polltergiest, but the horror he unleashes proves deadly, Horror, starring Jared Harris and Sam Clafflin. 1.55 Dogs: Their Secret Lives. Mark Evans observes three pets exhibiting unusual behaviour to find out what could be at the root of their problems and how to help them. (R) 2.50 Reszue Dog to Super Dog. The team helps to find disability helper dogs for Manchester-based Paula, who has a faulty immune system, and second year student Ellie with cerebral palsy. (R) 3.45 Posh Pawhrborkers. in Shefflield, Dan goes to look at a boat with a 950,000 price tag. (R) 4.40 French Collection. Three collectors visit a market in Arles in Provence. (R)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.40 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 6.50 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.45 Peis. (R) 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (N) 7.26 Pew Yarlol. (R) 7.35 Little Princess. (R) 7.45 Pig. Ahoyi (R) 8.05 Bizza and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Bern and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.45 Shimmer and Shine. (R) 9.13 Jelly Jamin. (R) 9.30 Lazy Town. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 9.13 Jelly Jamin. (R) 9.35 Funniest Falls. & Flops. (R) 11.05 Pooles & Raids: A Police Interceptors. Deadly Pursults. (R) 1.00 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) 2.00 Hello Kitty: When Cats Go Bad. (R) 3.00 Pupples Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) 4.00 The Secret Life of Pupples. (R) 6.00 5 News Weekend.
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Agents Paul and Steve face a
moral dilemma in south London,
when they find out the tenant they
have been instructed to evict is on when they into our the Beath they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. Elsewhere, Stewart and Victor chase £1,000 from a debtor who has defaulted on his payment plan, but they are subjected to a buse and the police are called to a driveway standoff. Plus, two agents try to recover £1,000 worth of goods from the owner of an entertainment company after a wedding day dispute, and in west London, a landlady is owned £9,000 in rent arrears by a young mother. (R)

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arrears by a young mother. (R)
7.00 Can't Pay' Wil Take It Away. In
East London, High Court
Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil
are involved in a brothel eviction,
while in south Wales, Stewart and
Elmore chase a debt owed by a
working mum. Another case sees
Stewart and Victor hunting down a
£3,000 debt owed by a Liverpool
takeaway for rent arears. (R)
8.00 Cats Make You laugh Out Loud 3.
Compilation of internet videos
featuring cats doing bizarre things.
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9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of

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highlights.

10.00 Most Shocking Reality Moments.
A celebration of the nation's long-running love affair with reality TV.
(R)

12.50 Lip Sync Battle. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Blair Rich Project. (R) 4.00 Now That's Funny! (R)

DIGITAL

7.00 Film: The Water Babies (1978) 8.30 The Sky at Night 9.00 T in the Park 2016 12.00 American Nomads 1.30 Horizon: The Truth About Exercise 2.30 Immortal? A Horizon Guide to Ageing 3.30 Close

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France Highlights 8.00 River Monsters
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12.30 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks:
The Squeakquel (2009) 2.15 Rude(ish)
Tube Shorts 2.30 The Big Bang Theory
8.00 Film: X-Men (2000) 10.05 Rich
Kids of Instagram 11.00 Gogglebox
12.05 Rude Tube 1.10 Tattoo Fixer 2.10
2 Broke Girls 2.50 The New Normal 3.10

Hollyoaks

11.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) 1.00 The Parent Trap (1961) 3.35 Earthquake (1974) 6.10 Seven Years in Tibet (1997) 9.00 Red (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and reunites his old hit squad to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman. 11.15 Kick-Ass 2 (2013) **1.20** Wild Bill (2011) **3.30** Close

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FILM CHOICES

Lost Letter Mysteries: The Impossible Dream, Channel 5, 3.15pm

The team of postal detectives works against the clock to decode a letter that could hold the key to saving the life of a US military medic in Afghanistan who is being held as a prisoner of war. Meanwhile, Rita competes in the Miss Special Delivery contest Mystery drama, starring Eric Mabius, Kristin Booth and Crystal Lowe. (2015)

WEDNESDAY Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, Channel 4,

Ruthless stockbroker Gordon Gekko is released from prison after eight years, reinventing himself as an author and lecturer warning against the dangers of the financial system. Gekko helps a young banker get revenge on the company that drove his mentor to suicide, but as always, has a crooked agenda of his own. Oliver Stone's sequel to his 1980s drama, with Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf and Carey Mulligan (2010)



an: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

Columbo: Fade in to Murder, ITV, 11.10pm

An actor who plays a detective on a soap opera is being blackmailed by his ex-lover, who is also his producer. Convinced that playing a sleuth makes him clever enough to get away with murder, he kills her and frames her husband – but has reckoned without the intervention of the crumpled cop. Crime drama, with Peter Falk, William Shatner, Lola Albright, Alan Manson and Walter Koenig. (1976)

Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, BBC1,

11.35pm
The chauvinistic host of a top-rated American news programme in 1970s San Diego fights for his status and job security when both are threatened by the arrival of an ambitious female reporter, whose determination to become a newsreader leads to a bitter battle of the sexes. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, Fred Willard, Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, David Koechner, Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller. (2004)

A new set of youngsters put themselves to the test

hree of TV's hardest quiz shows – Only Connect, University Challenge and Mastermid – all return to BBC Two Mastermind – all return to BBC Two this week, ready to challenge viewers' intellects and make some of us feel a little bit dim. (Although at least with Mastermind we can reassure ourselves that it's nearly impossible to do well on someone else's specialist subject).

However, the show most likely to leave viewers feeling somewhat inadequate is arguably Child Genius, which is back for a fourth series on Channel 4.

For newcomers, the programme For newcomers, the programme follows some of the country's cleverest eight to 12-year-olds as they battle it out to be crowned Britain's brightest child in the now annual competition, which is organised in association with British Mensa.

It's not just about the questions It's not just about the questions. The series also follows the kids and their families, offering an insight into what it's like to be a gifted youngster and the different ways their parents have of dealing with the challenges involved. It also gives viewers an opportunity to weigh up the age-old nature versus nurture debate they ask themselves whether the kids were just born bright, or if their intellectual ability is at least partly down to parental encouragement.

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However, what we do see of the competition can be tough, and in it first episode, the contestants will b facing the very demanding maths and memory rounds.

So perhaps it's reassuring that this year the questions will be asked by someone with a track record for someone with a track record for putting nervous contestants at ease — Pointless co-host Richard Osman. Although sadly on this show, no one can simply answer 'Central African Republic' and hope for the best.

Osman is certainly a fan of the programme, saying: "I jumped at the chance to get involved with Child Genius. The previous series have been so warm and charming, and such a celebration of bright and funny kids.

"I know I would have taken part in the show if it had been around when

I was young. I would have lost very badly though."

Hopefully, this year's class of Child Geniuses are feeling more confident. The chances are that 12-year-old Mog is up for the challenge, as he put himself forward in the hopes of proving that you don't need a pushy parent behind you too win.

Some of the families featured are taking a slightly more hands-on approach though, including Simon from Essex, who has spent the past three years preparing his 11-year-old son Christopher for the show. Their training has included analysing every previous episode to find potential winning strategies.

Meanwhile, Hayley should also be well prepared – her eldest child Curtis took part two years ago, and now she's back with her 11-year-old daughter Sophia.

And we also get to meet Max, whose mum Fanny is hoping that the process will encourage him to embrace his intellect. But given that the youngster has ADHD, how will he respond to the competition?



Richard Osman features, Child Genius, Tuesday, Channel 4, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY Only Connect BBC2, 8,30pm

New series. Victoria Coren Mitchell returns with the guiz show as another batch of teams of three use patience, lateral thinking and sheer inspiration to make connections between four things that may appear at first not to be linked, hoping to succeed reigning champions the String Section. In the opening edition of the 12th series. London Underground enthusiasts the Tubers take on Shakespeare lovers the Bardophiles, with one set of clues consisting of Brownies, Michael Fagan, Freddie Krueger and Milk Tray Man.

Exodus: Our Journey to Europe BBC2, 9pm

We've all seen the upsetting footage of people desperately trying to make the hazardous journey from their war-torn homelands to the relative safety of Europe as they attempt to escape danger and persecution. As distressing as this footage is, brief glimpses during news reports don't really paint a true picture of the horrors these reluctant travellers have faced, and that's where this documentary comes in. It charts the efforts of those involved via cameraphones handed to migrants during their journeys, which allowed them to capture the most perilous moments

they faced. The result is a unique and extremely personal insight into the reality of being forced to flee your home and fearing for your life and those of your loved ones while facing an uncertain future

TUESDAY Love Your Garden

ITV, 8pm Alan Titchmarsh and his team visit Canterbury to help Gurkha Hari Budha Magar, who lost the use of both his legs in Afghanistan in an IED incident. Though Hari thinks nothing of going out of his way to help others, most recently helping pensioners whose homes were hit by the floods in Cumbria, his own garden is a challenge he has to yet to overcome. So the team transform his overlooked plot into a colourful private sanctuary that nods to his Nepalese homeland, and there is a surprise appearance by Joanna Lumley

WEDNESDAY Long Lost Family ITV, 9pm

New series. Two adopted people born on opposite sides of the world search for their birth mothers in Singapore, and the team makes

a discovery that nobody could have predicted. Meanwhile, 29-year-old paediatric nurse Anna London-Truckle is desperate to reconnect with her birth mother, who made the ultimate sacrifice to give her daughter a better chance at life. Anna was adopted by a British couple at the age of two, but

with no memories of her beginnings, she now feels disconnected from her roots in Riobamba, Ecuador.

THURSDAY Golf: The Open BBC2, 8pm

Hazel Irvine presents the best action from the opening day of the 145th staging of the Major, which is being held at Royal Troon in South Ayrshire. Eight Open Championships have been held at Troon, but

it's been 12 years since Todd Hamilton shocked the golfing world with his win at the 2004 Long Lost Family, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm tournament. The

iconic eighth hole, 'the Postage Stamp' is one of the shortest par threes in professional golf and will attract plenty of attention. However, at more than 7,200 yards there's enough length to test the world's best players. American Zach Johnson entered as the reigning champion, after he won the Claret Jug 12 months ago following a three-man play-off against Marc Leishman and Louis Oosthuizen at St Andrews. But the British challenge should be strong this year, particularly after Danny Willett joined the major winners' club with a cool-headed

FRIDAY BBC Proms 2016

New series, Part one, From London's Royal Albert Hall. Katie Derham introduces the first night of the annual music festival. Proceedings begin with Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture to Romeo and Juliet, the first in a series of musical works during the season marking 400 years since the death of Shakespeare. Argentine cellist Sol Gabetta then makes her Proms debut in Elgar's haunting Cello Concerto, the first of 10 concertos for the instrument to be performed over the next few weeks. Sakari Oramo conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Coverage continues on BBC Fou

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Rotorua is a fantastic geothermal activity area, with spectacular geysers, and renowned for its Maori cultural activities. In nearby Tamaki Maori Village, visitors are able to enjoy ceremonial rituals, before enjoying a traditional Hangi buffet.

Before moving onto South Island, time is spent in the capital city of Wellington, with the opportunity to explore its vibrant waterfront and beautiful gardens

A catarmaran cruise along the shoreline of Abel Tasman National Park enables views of Split Apple Rock, a fur seal colony, whilst in Christchurch, almost destroyed by an earthquake in 2011 and has a rebuilding programme in full swing, see the Restart Mall and the controversial cardboard cathedral

Crossing the southern alos aboard the TranzAlpine train to Arthurs Pass must rate as one of the world's greatest train journeys, with another highlight being a 20-minute helicopter flight giving breathtaking views of a glacial alpine.

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Codeword

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

- 1. Yet an organ won't go without it! (4) 8. Honest, as the chairman of the directors should be (5.5)
- 9 A father for example, in better surroundings (8) 10. Travel permit for six to S. Africa, initially
- centre, more or less
- the way (6)
- 15. This system worked in medieval times
- 17. Yet they may be men on board! (6)
- 18. It's a wine that's coming back (4) 19. Light wit, perhaps,
- but slightly illuminating (8) Side line for the
- artist? (10) 22. Forced to be a servant, we hear (4)

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- 2. Do as vou're told and become a priest (4,6)
- make it (4)
- 4. Toiler disposed to belie his nature (6)
- 5. Dreaded being deafer, perhaps (6) 6. Study poetry, so to
- speak (8) 7. Not quite perfect
- thought (4) 11. It's used on watch
- (6-4) 13. An every-day
- conclusion (8) 16. Admit - or just the opposite! (3,3)
- 17. Leaves about fifty
- counterpanes (6)
- songs, too (4) 20. A particular piece of
- white marble (4)

Quick Clues

Across

- 1. Way (4)
- 8 Bizarre (10)
- 9. Estrange (8)
- 10. Dry (4)
- 12. Unfruitful (6) 14. Furrow (6)
- 15. Disappear (6)
- 17. To here (6)
- 18. Inform (4)
- 19. Sleep-producing (8
- 21. Agree (10)
- 22. Pace (4)

- 2. Merge (10)
- 3. Stockings (4)
- 4. Filter (6) 5. Obvious (6)
- 7. Cast off (4)
- 11. Unbelievable (10)
- 13. Banter (8)
- 16. Upright (6)
- 17. Tear (6)
- 18. Change of course (4) 20. Probability (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Aware; 8 Cahoots; 9 Tripol;
10 Ruler; 12 Rhinoceros; 15 Perversity; 18 Repel; 19 Pro rata; 21 Press on; 22 Logic. Down: 1
Waste paper; 2 Tact; 3 Memo; 4 Action; 5 Short
out; 6 Rollers; 11 Resistance; 13 Heedless; 14
Prophet; 16 Supprie; 17 Range; 20 Oils. OUICK,
12 Settlement; 15 Exasperate; 18 Targo; 19
Curator; 21 Auster; 22 Picks. Down: 1 Complacent; 2 Deter; 3 Styre; 4 Recent; 5 Decadent; 6
Strikes; 11 Enterprise; 13 Employed; 14 Eamest;
16 Racket; 17 Stick; 20 Rapt.

Quiz

- Which group of minerals form the chief constituents of igneous rock?
- Which heartthrob went from EastEnders to a starring role in Heartbeat?
- Of what name has Britain had two kings and France ten?
- In which country were the first Commonwealth Games held in 1930?
- In which country was the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76?
- 6. In which game may a player use the
- With what is philology concerned? Who wrote the opera Castor et Pollux in
- Badge awarded?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 John Paul Getty II: 2 Halibut

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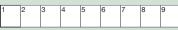
9 Colin MacInnes; 10 Erik 'The Red'.

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- footballer joined Liverpool as the country's most expensive defender?
- 10. In which sport are Doggett's Coat and

3 Spain; 4 Nigel Hawthorne; 5 Dublin:



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Zahirul Islam pulls the strings in the tight-knit family-run operation, which also features two of his brothers and a cousin. He jokes that he is known as Zack to customers, friends and even his close family, simply because people struggled to spell, or even pronounce his name.

And that in itself gives an indication of the staff's attitude. They are a jocular crew, so it's easy to strike up a rapport with them.

We visited during Holy month, so while

Mark Shipp tucks in

the staff were on a fast, the delivery of our food was speedy. Usually the chef would test the ingredients before serving up, but, being Ramadan, could not. Instead, he had to use all his expertise to know exactly the right blend for our meals. It worked a treat.

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right blend for our meals. It worked a treat.
For the record, I tried the machli tikka,
pink salmon, served with coconut rice. The
other half took her choice from the signature dishes and opted for the Manchurian
chicken – which sounds like something
Noel Gallagher would choose – served with

Noel Gallagher would choose – served with mushroom rice.

Other exotic-sounding options from the same range include lamb pelli pelli, mustard fish and jinga delight, but there's an extensive menu, from a Royal mixed grill in the grilled section, to the more traditional choices or biryani dishes. Vegetarians are

catered for win the fixes of paneer on ban, while omelette and chips and tarragon chicken feature among the English dishes.

The Royal Oak serves up a wider range of drinks than one would usually find at a licensed Indian restaurant, hence my choice of Mongoose. Both agreed our meals were delicious and I was served a trout as an delicious, and I was served a trout as an extra. Something fishy there, methinks.

Essence

But that was not our only treat. Desserts followed, by which time our hosts could end their fast, so they offered us a serving of the platter they were to enjoy. It was too much, especially after pudding, but it needed no second invitation as they kindly packed it up so we could enjoy it the next day.

Zack has tried to keep the essence of the building on the former pub

building since taking on the former pub just six months ago. It had been a popular to bring it back into use. It's welcoming and adequately decorated and ambiently lit.

It has a separate room where customers can go just for a drink, or wait for a table in the restaurant itself. The main dining areas

the restaurant itself. The main dining areas cater for up to 100 diners with an emphasis on families, though bigger parties and corporate events can be accommodated, too. Our own position was in a prime location, in the far corner, looking out on adjacent field, watching people tend the horses or take them off for rides. Zack himself has taken the reins in his own field – and looks to be on to a winner.

The Royal Oak, Daw End, Rushall, is open on Sunday to Thursday from 5.30 to 11.30pm and on Friday and Saturday until 12.30am. Zack is even looking at introducing Sunday lunchtime dining and a Wednes

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The property is set back beyond the broad front driveway leading to the large garage and to the rear a private and attractively landscaped cottage style garden is to be enjoyed. With gas central heating and double glazing it has a 20ft long reception hall with a light-wood style floor and a door to the garage and a door to the conservatory.

The luxury re-fitted kitchen/through conservatory is beautifully fitted with a superb range of pastel 'sage green' kitchen furniture. It includes a Belfast-style sink with period style mixer tap with solid wood butchers block work tops either side with cupboard/storage space and drawers below, an integrated double oven, integrated microwave, wall units, a tall larder style unit with integrated carousel storage and adjacent recess for fridge/freezer with wine rank above.

The peninsular unit opposite includes twin touch control electric hobs integrated into the 'Corian' work surface with large 'pan' drawers and cupboard/storage space below plus a stainless steel illuminating cooker hood above and breakfast bar. Within the conservatory area of the kitchen is space for breakfast table/chairs. French doors open to the rear garden and there is an 'old school' style radiator. mporary style radiator, a further tall larder unit and tiled floor.

The utility/laundry room has complementary units/ work surfaces and an integrated washing machine and dishwasher.

There is also a guest WC, a formal dining room with oak flooring and a log burner, a large front sitting room with a log burner style fire and oak flooring

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Tough and hardworker with plenty of comfort

By Ian Donaldson

IN the world of cars everyone's looking to smaller engines. Yes, you've guessed why; they use less fuel, or they ought to.

In the world of light commercial vehicles Volkswagen has decided to do things differently. Its latest Amarok pick-up, due here before the end of the year, has an engine half as big again as the unit in the truck you can buy today.

Out go the current 2.0 litre, four cylinder diesels, with 140 or 180 horsepower and in comes a 3.0 litre powerplant with six cylinders (borrowed from some Audis) and with enough performance to make it the GTI of truckland.

And the reason for this surprising looking move to more

Buyers of the first Amaroks were happy to pay more for what they saw as a premium product (which it was), but reckoned that should mean more power than was available from a mere 2.0 litres.

would need to be expensively upgraded anyway, to meet tougher new Euro 6 pollution limits.

The official fuel consumption test all new vehicles have to take reckons the bigger-engined Amarok will manage 37.2mpg and nip under 200g/km of tailpipe emissions (just. at 199g/km). That is actually a bit thirstier than before but a little less polluting.

Those are figures for the beefiest of three engines that will eventually power this heavily revised four door load lugger.
This 224 horsepower V6 TDI is coming first and takes the

Amarok to 120mph and from zero to 62mph in a spritely 7.9 seconds.

Some time in 2017 the Hanover-built Amarok will be joined by engines with 163 and 204 horsepower and, presumably, still better economy figures and a lower price tag – the precise sizes of which will not be revealed until nearer the launch date. Current prices start at £25,419 and expect entle uplift.

W thinks the new model will sell to the same sort of person, attracted by something that is both technically advanced and tough with a solid helping of comfort thrown in.

radiator grille and a new emphasis on horizontal lines that make an already wide machine look wider still.

New alloy wheels and a third brake light with LED technology will also help the anorak distinguish the newcomer from the older model. Oh, and new front mud flaps cut the aero drag.

There are bigger changes inside, where an already carlike feel is reinforced by a new dashboard where we find a touchscreen, radio and navigation, along with standard Bluetooth and the option of CarNet and App Connect sys-

We Brits like our Amaroks pretty posh, so most will have auto gears and be in top trim level with the second most powerful engine.

On the smooth roads around Munich, where the pick-up is being launched to the world's motoring press, the most powerful model pulled like a train and made no more noise than a decently refined car, which it resembled to the tiniest detail inside.

Its simple (or crude in modern car terms) solid rear axle and cart springs only betrayed their lack of sophistication on

A trip read out of precisely 30mpg seemed respectable a moderately challenging off road course proved that the Amarok will shrug off anything an owner is likely to throw at his dream machine – but the 7.4mpg recorded on the rough stuff might be incentive enough in itself not to risk a scratch.

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By John Griffiths

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This was the latest, and easily the prettiest, version of the Skoda Citygo, and even though it is kitted out with the latest technology such as touchscreen and satnav, this actually seemed a bit of a drive down memory lane for me. It took me back more than 40 years to the quieter roads

It took me back more than 40 years to the quieter roads of rural Shropshire and the sheer delight of driving a classic Mini

Outright performance just isn't an issue as you tackle bend after bend, revelling in the pin sharp steering, excellent agility and wheel at each cornerstability of the small but perfectly formed car.

All good features around town, of course, where the excellent all-round visibility (and lack of big overhangs to catch the unwary) makes it a breeze to manouvre and park.

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Citygo isn't new, of course, and mechanically it's virtually identical to its VW Group city slicker sibling, the Up! And the Seat Mii

But my ride for a couple of hours was a new special edition, the Citygo Monte Carlo, named in honour of Skoda's sporting heritage including its win n the famous rally in 1936, which first spawned the badge on the company's Popular Sport Monte Carlo a year later.

It was reintroduced in 2011 as a Fabia special edition, and now versions of the Yeti have gone the full Monte too.

As for Citygo, it's already proved it's practicality and appeal to the heads of buyers with a City Car of the Year title. The Monte Carlo is an appeal to the heart, with extra, eye-catching red and black colour scheme (inside and out), sports styling, and extra equipment.

As a means of attracting young buyers, it's a shrewd one: for under £11,000 it's affordable, economy is over 50mpg, you tax liability is low and, best of all, there's an impressively low group two insurance rating.

It comes with front and rear spoilers, a rear disfusser and lowered suspension which not only turn the standard Citygo into eye-candy, it also helps to give the Monte Carlo its excellent handling characteristics. It also comes with 15-inch alloy wheel, fog lights, and sunset glass.

Inside the red and black theme continues with a sports steering wheel with red sticthing, glass black dash inserts, special badging and bespoke, sports-style seats and a comprehensive setting computer and infortainment system.

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and rear parking sensors – were options added to the test car to take the price up to £11,325.

The Monte Carlo's engine is the standard Citygo 60PS petrol version (a 75PS option is available in other versions) which is capable of averaging nearly 63mpg according to official tests, with a low CO2 rating of 105g//km.

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The benchmark 0 to 62mph takes 14.4 seconds. The engine does make itself heard when you're pressing hard to get up to motorway speed, or using the lower gears to set yourself up for corners.

But it's smooth and rather growly – not at all harsh and, indeed, an essential part of the experience for the keen driver.

The ride on some of those less than perfect Yokshire B-roads was surprisingly composed, particularly for a small car with sports suspension: full marks there to the engineers.

The Monte Carlo will no doubt add youth appeal to the competent and cheap to run Citygo range: but from my experience you don't have to be young to appreciate. It still brought a big grin to my face!









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Sandwell and Walsall battle it out on the track during the Black Country School Games Jaiden Gamble of George Salter Academy races home Gabriel Stone, of Whitgreave Infants, Wolverhampton, does the racket balance

A Walsall voungster takes the javelin challenge

Games on! Sport is the winner for youngsters

MORE than 1,400 youngsters from across the region joined forces for a festival of sport at the Black Country School Games in Walsall.

A host of different sports were on offer for the primary and secondary school pupils, who all came through qualifying stages to reach the

The Black Country School Games was being held for the seventh time and saw 9,000 children participate this year alone.

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The event has grown at such a rapid rate over his short existence that the 2016 finals – which were held at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus – welcomed their 10,000th competitor. Reedswood Primary's Paris Ebbans was awarded a unique trophy by a special guest, Wolverhampton's double Paralympic athlete Darren Harris, to mark the milestone.

Artificial

In all, 82 schools, from the boroughs of Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton battled it out across 12 different sports, including athletics, rounders, multi-skills, cricket, tri-golf, rugby, football, dodgeball and a triathlon. These were contested in the sports hall, on the artificial pitches and full-scale orbletics trust. athletics track.

At the end of it all, the green shirts of Sandwell

At the end of the any and grown and lifted the trophy.

Black Country BeActive headed the event. Paul Wicker, one of the organisers from Walsall Council, said: "It's sport for young people, delivered by young

He added: "The idea is to create a mini-Olympics for the Black Country, and to have an opening cere-mony it adds to it and makes it different for them."

The first Games were held in 2010 at Wolverhamp-

SPORTING FEATURE

Bv Lewis Cox

"The Games are all about young people setting out what they want to achieve in school sports in the region."

ton's Aldersley Leisure Village. BeActive director Simon Hall has seen first-hand how the Black Coun-

Simon Hall has seen first-hand how the Black Country School Games have grown in stature.

"We're not looking for the most elite athletes in schools, we're looking for ways to get more children active in sport," he said. "The Black Country Games gives young people a chance to experience that sort of multi-event experience, not quite the Olympics, but something they can really treasure.

"What's been really special is being able to identify the pupil who was the 10,000th competitor, which is a huge achievement.

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A former ambassador for the Games was Joel Richards, who was tragically killed in Tunisia while on a family holiday just over a year ago.

Joel attended Stuart Bathurst Cathlolic School in

Joel attended Stuart Bathurst Cathione School in Wednesbury and played a huge part in local sport in the Black Country. The day's trophy, lifted by Sandwell, was named after the former Black Country referee and presented by Joel's brother Owen, also a recently qualified offi-

and how the organisers and leaders try to follow the mentality of school sports while delivering such an

event.

Friends and volunteers of Joel were gathered to raise funds for the 'Smile for Joel' appeal, a charity that aids victim support.

Kallianne Titley and her brother were friends with Joel and she explained how such a monumental sport-

ing event proved a perfect fit.

She said: "Sport was what Joel did best and that's what he wanted people to do.

Remember

"Every time I saw Joel it was through sport, whether it was helping him by being a guinea pig when he finished his A-Levels or organising an event or football, it was what he did.

"There is no better way to remember him. I was younger and competed here when he was an ambassador so I know he'd be really proud of what everyone's

doing."

Schools representing Sandwell were: George Salter, Sandwell Academy, O3 Academy, Bristnall Hall, Uplands Manor, Moat Farm, Pennyhill, Oldbury, St Phillips, Langley, Gelebrields, Tipton Green, Lyng, Hargate, Abbey Junior, St Pauls, ACE Academy, St Michaels, Hollylodge and Wood Green Academy,
Schools representing Dudley: Leasowes, Old Swinford, Bishop Milner,
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Ellowes, Manor Way, Glynne, Windsor, Dudley Wood, Woolescote,
Milking Bank, Maidensbridge, Church of the Ascension, Hagley, Sutton,
Summerhill and OSH.
Schools representing Walsall: St Francis, Shire Oak Academy, Pool
Hayes, Jane Lane, Castle, Lindens, Barrooft, Blue Coat, Walsall Academy, Omiston Shelffield Community Academy, Whetstone Field, New
Invention, Holy Trinfty, Birchills, Butts, Reedswood, Cooper and Jordan,
Beacon, St John's, The Jane Lane School, The Streetly Academy and
Brownhills.

Brownhills.

Schools representing Wolverhampton: Highfields, St Peter's Collegiate.

Wolverhampton Grammar School, Oak Meadow, Fieldview, Uplands Junin; St Michaels Catholic, Northwood Park, Wolverhampton Grifs, St Peters

and St Paul, Whitgreave Infant, Woodthorne, Bilston, Christ Church, St

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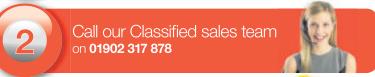
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Show goes on with town hall fight bill

may have been delayed, but the show is most definitely on at Walsall Town Hall that same evening.

The 'Summer Scorcher', promoted by

The Summer Scorener, promoted by Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing, was due to take place with the world heavyweight multi-title fight on July 9. But Fury's withdrawal through injury means the BoxNation bill at the Mandacter Area will be neglected.

chester Arena will be postponed. Fight fans in Walsall can still get



an opportunity to make it a dozen wins without reply. The super middleweight has raced to 11 victo-ries – with four inside the distance – and the distance – and takes on Dean Gillen

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Lennox Clarke of Nottinghamshire.

The supporting cast includes Tipton's Lee Glover, rebuilding again, after losing two title opportunities. He's been beaten twice for English super feather honours and the Midlands crown at feather and appears on a Town Hall bill for the first time since November 2014, against Jordan Ellison.

Unbeaten middleweight Tom Stokes

Unbeaten middleweight Tom Stokes Unlocated mindelevelgnt from Stokes is targeting his seventh win, up against busy scrapper Lewis van Poetsch. Fel-low West Bromwich fighter, super feath-erweight Jack Summers goes toe-to-toe with Brett Fidoe. Wolverhampton's Joshua Burke steps

wovernampton's Joshua Burke steps back through the ropes for the first time since his spirited six-round cruis-erweight defeat to the useful Courtney Richards in Plymouth. He and Luke Heron (Walker), have yet to be paired.

Yozza's on target as England clinch Six Nations crown

TIPTON'S Jamie Hughes was the star performer as a five-man England team were crowned BDO Six Nations champi-

ons for the third year in a row.

It was the first time 'Yozza' had been involved in the competition and he was named Player of the Tournament after

winning 17 of his 20 games.

Ireland were the hosts with the event taking place at the Great Southern Hotel in Sligo. It took Hughes's number of appearances for his country to 12.

The 30-year-old, ranked No 5 by the BDO, lined up alongside captain Scott Mitchell, Mark McGeeney, James Hurrell and Dennis Harbour

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'Yozza' said: "I'm used to winning matches with England and all of the other countries seems to step up their game against us.

"It still means a lot to me to play for my country and I always consider it an honour. When I started playing darts, it was my only real ambition.

was my only real ambition.

"I've been performing well of late so, hopefully, I can keep that up. I'm determined to keep on improving and achieve whatever I can in the sport."

'No strings' introductory sessions



Coaches Geoff Cotterill, Libby Hewitt, Anita

BADMINTON club is looking to get adults with

little or no experience into the game. Hagley, Clent and Kinver Badminton Club have been playing competitively in Hagley and Stour-bridge for many years and have previously strived to attract new members who can play to a profi-cient level.

Now, a beginners' club has been launched with sessions run an hour before the main club night sessions run an nour before the main cuto light on Fridays from 7-8pm at Hagley Catholic School. They have now been running for four weeks and are going strong, said club secretary Keith Price. He said: "The launch event was well attended with players learning the backhand serve before

moving on to playing doubles matches. The age range of players spanned the decades from teens

range of players spanned the decades rrom teens to 50s and all appeared to have an enjoyable time.

"The event is not aimed at generating profit but will have to prove to be self-funding."

Coach Hattie Alford said: "It's all about getting people active in an friendly supportive environment. Social badminton is just as important to the long term growth of the game."

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For further details, call Keith Price on 07815 650718 or email kpprolet@gmail.com

Play-off bid is boosted by away win

Sunday night's 52-38 win at Rye House

Sunday night is 22-30 win at raye House as a turning point as they secured their first away league points of the season to bolster their play-off bid.

Said Pottinger: "It was a great team performance but with no disrespect to Rye House, this was a track we always the season of the

Rye House, this was a track we always felt confident of getting a result at."

RYE HOUSE 38: Robert Branford 12, Ben Morley, 8, George Hunter 642, Luke Priest 6+1, Matt Saul 2+1, Connor Locke 2, Kenny Bowdery 2.

CRADLEY 52: Max Clegg 13, Ashley Morris 11+2, Bradley Andrews 10+3, Luke Chessell 8, Richard Andrews 8, Layne Cupit 2+1, James Purchase R/R.

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It was the second win in a row on their travels for Cradley after an impressive 47-43 Challenge win at Sheffield. It came at a cost, though as Ben Basford suffered concussion and whiplash in a heat 11 crash and facos a spell on the sidelines.

Sheffield: Arthur Sissis 12, Nathan Greaves 9+1, Jacks Smith 9, Jack Parkinson-Baschum 543, Joe Lawfor 4+1, Chris Widman 3+1, David Speight 1. Ushe Chessell 10, Max Clegg 10, Bradley Andrews 6+2, Layne Cupit 4, Ben Basford 3, Richard Andrews 1+1.

Chairman Nigel Pearson has hit out at 'amateurish' behaviour after the Heathens were awarded the points from the cancelled match at Mildenhall – a decision announced on Fen Tigers' website.

The June 19 trip was cancelled on the day by home promoter Kevin Jolly after Cradley – as permitted by regulations – named Matt Williamson as a guest to replace Luke Chessell, who had no machinery.

Mildenhall were hauled before a Speedway Control Bureau disciplinary hearing but before Heathens were officially told, the Fen Tigers' website said Cradley had been awarded the points with Jolly fined £250, suspended until the end of next season.

Pearson said: "If find it quite amateurish that officials of other clubs have started to debate on social media, based on what they have read on the website."

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TFORM FOR OUNGSTERS

West Midlands' American football academy is aiming to make a real difference to the lives of young people in the area.

The Black Country Academy of American Football, based at Ellowes Hall Sports College in Dudley, has launched youth and junior sides ahead of joining the British American Foot-

ball League next year.

The teams are aimed at youngsters aged 14 to 16, and then up to 19, with around 40 aspiring players already taking part in training twice a

Academy CEO Stuart Potts-Perkins has been involved with the sport in this country for three

He said: "One thing the game has always suf-fered from in this country is that everything is senior focused.

"We thought we needed to start at a younger

age, to get them involved and to try and get the sport to where it should be."

Progression

The academy is looking to cater for all ability levels, and even for those who may not wish to continue playing when they reach senior level.

"It's all about progression for the youngsters, giving them a platform," said Potts-Perkins.

The Vipers youth and junior sides will play the contact sport but flag football, a variation of the grame similar to tar, mothy, is to be avoided.

contact sport out nag football, a variation of the game similar to tag rugby, is to be provided in the future for children as young as seven. Summer training is on Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9pm and Sundays from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Winter sessions are on Sundays only. "We have got the two sides at the mounter of

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"We have got the two sides at the moment and we will enter the league next year," Potts-Perkins said. "There are about 40 players at the moment, all aged 14 to 19, but in the long-term we're aiming to extend the age range from seven to 19.

"We have got six or seven coaches at the moment, but we are looking to double that. We want at least 12 coaches here by this time next year but the thing is, there are not many coaches in the country."



Members of the Black Country Vipers Academy, based at Ellowes Hall Sports College, Dudley

50 miles, that's a Wright run round track

DUDLEY Kingswinford Running Club boasted a bumper turnout for the Baggeridge 5k, with Simon Blizzard first home for the blue hoops in seventh place in 21.07.

Among the other entrants, Richard Bate made his long awaited return to racing, coming home in 21.53 to take 13th.

Sally McConville ran a little further on Saturday to this port in the Postridge Twill Holf

Sally McConville ran a little further on Sat-urday taking part in the Eastridge Trail Half Marathon finishing the 13.1 mile course over hilly terrain in 2.37.35. Meanwhile a group were completing lap after lap at Wolverhampton's Al-dersley Stadium in the charity Best Foot Forward event where local businesses and patrons had do-nated money to a pot which would be released to charities based on the number of laps completed. With each circuit representing £1 the further people ran the more money was donated. In all

over 12,000 laps were completed with DK run-

over 12,000 laps were completed with DK runners responsible for a fair proportion over the 12
hour event, with Graham Wildgoose completing
82 laps, Mark Judge 100 and James Wright managing 200 laps, equal to 50 miles.

There was also the option of the Birmingham/
Black Country Half Marathon between Wolverhampton and Birmingham, the point-to-point
course following the canal network and finishing
at Brindleyplace. Sam Hemming completed her
fourth race in eight days as part of the DK contingent.

tingent.
On Sunday, a handful of runners competed in the Black Country 10k, a two lap race around the centre of Halesowen. Among the DK runners, Dave Norman claimed his third top 20 finish of the week and Helen Tromans finished as second lady to claim a cash prize

Four new recruits for the Glassbovs

STOURBRIDGE have completed the signing of four new players ahead of their first pre-season friendly away at Leamington on Saturday (3pm.)

Jack Duggan, Jake Heath and Luke Benbow, who spent three seasons with the Glassboys before moving to Dales Lane 12 months ago, have all joined from Rushall Olympic. Former Yeltz man Aaron Daniels is the other new arrival,

while Drew Canavan has re-signed.

Sam Whittall, who signed from Brack-ley Town in January, has left the club and experienced striker Karl Hawley has joined League Two Mansfield Town as first team coach.

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